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## NEW HAMPSHIRE

# *1976 Annual Reports*

## *Town and School Districts*

# ANNUAL REPORTS

*of the*

# Town Officers

*of*

# Amherst, N. H.

*for the*

*Year Ending December 31, 1976*

*Also*

## Officers of School District

*Year Ending June 30, 1976*

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## IN MEMORIAM

It is with deep sadness that we note the passing of citizens who served the Town well and faithfully.

MARC deFERRANTI
Chairman of the Industrial Water Committee

JOHN MANNING
Trustee of the Library

EDWARD MARCHILDON
Superintendent of the Amherst Village District
Trustee of the Cemeteries
Member of the Fire Department

FRANK RICHARDSON
Chief of the Fire Department 1954-1955

WALTER RYAN
Member of the Fire Department

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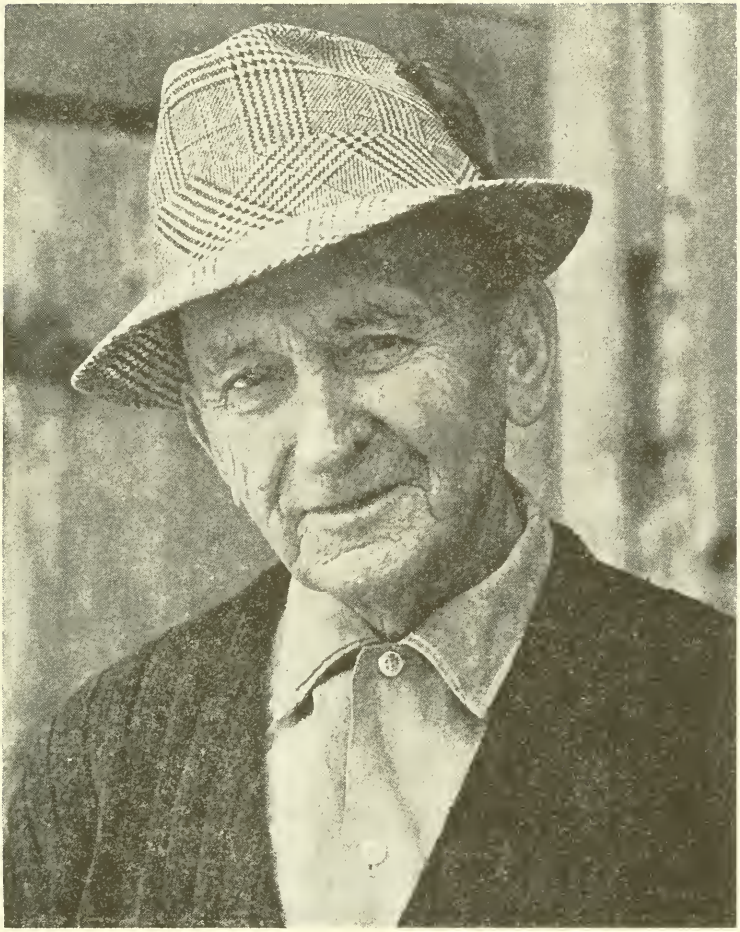
# *Dedication*



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The Town in appreciation of more than 50 years of service to the Citizens of Amherst, dedicates this 1976 Town Report to Orson Bragdon. Mr. Bragdon came to Amherst as a school boy in 1914 when his father purchased the farm near the Bedford line. He and Mrs. Bragdon have raised six children, two of whom still live with their families on the farm which is an operating dairy facility.

For 63 years Orson has been an active citizen serving 10 terms (20 years) in the General Court as the representative from Amherst and 34 years as Town Auditor. The Town takes this opportunity to express its appreciation for these years of devoted service.

# *Town Officers*

Population in June, 1976 – 7,690

*Moderator*
M. A. Wight, Jr.

*Selectmen*
Francis N. Perry, Chairman, 1977
Edward C. Masten, 1978 — Robert G. Lown, 1977
Ann D. Snow, 1979 — Thomas G. Grella, 1979
Barbara H. Landry, Sec.

*Town Clerk*
Bernice G. Boothroyd

*Tax Collector*
Barbara H. Landry

*Treasurer*
Marion M. Sortevik

*Town Council*
William R. Drescher

*Health Officer*
Dr. James C. Starke

*Welfare Officer*
Edward C. Masten

*Zoning Administrator*
Robert J. Barton

*Building Inspector*
Russell Abbate

*Road Agent*
Richard G. Crocker

*Police Chief*
John T. Osborn, Jr.

*Fire Chief*
Marshall D. Strickland

*Fire Wards*
Marshall D. Strickland — David Herlihy — Richard G. Crocker

*Auditors*
Orson Bragdon — Maurice R. Martel

*Custodian of Town Buildings*
Ernest Law

*Supervisors of the Checklists*
Audrey Spalding, 1980 — Bert McGill, 1982 — Robert Wishart, 1978

*Rescue Squad*

Richard Kelley, Director 1980
Roy E. Maston, Resigned

*Civil Preparedness*

Roy E. Maston, Director
Harding C. Sortevik, Deputy Director

*Trustee of Trust Funds*

David T. Ramsay, 1977
George W. Brown, 1978
Raymond Woolson, 1977

*Cemetery Trustees*

David T. Ramsay
Harold Nazro
Edward C. Masten
Edward Marchildon, Deceased

*Library Trustees*

Lucy Ramsay, 1977
Constance Woolford, 1977
E. Daniel Johnson, 1978
W. Ryland Cox, 1978
Elizabeth Lyle, 1979
Janice Shethar, 1979

*Planning Board*

Scott Sutherland, Chairman, 1980
James Shildneck, 1977
Herbert Kopf, 1981
Roger Smith, 1979
Frederick Porter, Alternate
Robert Suomala, 1978
Robert Crouter, 1981
Douglas Kirkwood, Alternate
Ann D. Snow, ex-officio

*Board of Adjustment*

Arnold Dickinson, Chairman, 1977
Roger M. Brown, 1978
Thomas Carson, 1979
Rosemary Daly, 1981
Russell Steeves, 1980

*Road Commissioners*

Harold Warner, 1978
Everett Leach, 1979
Meric Arnold, 1977

*Nashua Regional Planning Commission*

Judy Hordon, 1977
Martin Michaelis, 1978

*Conservation Commission*

Charles Tiedeman, 1977
William Goodwill, 1977
Wallace Warren, 1977
Elizabeth Barrett, 1978
Michael Grubb, 1978
William Weatherbee, 1979
Alice E. Arnold, 1979

*Historic District Commission*

Anna M. Jones, 1977
Robert Crouter, 1978
Barbara Berlack, 1978
George W. Brown, 1979 Chairman
Thomas Grella, ex-officio

*Recreation Commission*

Bruce Fraser, Chairman, 1977

Clark Stewart, 1977 — Susan Kierstead, 1979
Mary Sparks, 1978 — Carl Wheeler, 1978

*Tree Committee*

Norman J. Marsh, 1977 Resigned — Joseph Luongo, 1978
Ann C. Hines, 1979

*Independence Day Committee*

Amherst Jay Cees — Orson Bragdon — Amherst Lions Club
Raymond Morin — Ann Bergin — George W. Brown
Barbara Perry

*Memorial Day Committee*

Frederick Simmons, Chairman — William Hopkins
Kathleen Magill — Peter Bergin

*Ways and Means Committee*

Joseph Hoag, Chairman

Dorothy Carlsmith, Resigned — Susan Monson
Richard Infantine — Robert Slick
John Freeman — John Mendolusky
Jean Lyon

*Representatives to the General Court*

M. A. Wight, Jr. — Joanne Head — Josephine Martin

*Member of the State Senate*

Alan Rock

*Town Government Study Committee*

Burton Knight, 1977 — Ingrid Michaelis, 1978
Evelyn Dudley, 1977, Chairman — Paul Savage, 1979
J. Merrill Hines, Resigned — Donald Davis, 1978

*Amherst Bicentennial Committee*

Thomas Grella, Chairman — Theresa Greenblatt
Mary Steeves, Secretary

# *Town Warrant*

## The State of New Hampshire

**Polls will be opened from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

**Voting on Articles 1 thru 4 will be at the polls.**

**Remaining articles will be considered at the meeting held at 8:00 p.m.**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Amherst in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Wilkins School on Tuesday, the 8th day of March, next at 7 of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1.
To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing terms.

Article 2.
To see if the Town will vote to make the following changes in the Zoning Map and the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Amherst:

**AMENDMENT NO. 1**

**To see if the town will vote to amend the Zoning Ordinance by making the following changes:**

To delete Article VI, Section 6-2 in its entirety and substitute therefore the following:

**SECTION 6-2 PERMITS**
**Building Permits; Certificates of Occupancy;**
**Use Permits**
**Earth Material Removal Permits**

**A. Building Permits:**

No building or structure shall hereafter be erected or structurally altered until a building permit shall be issued by the Selectmen or their authorized Agents, the Building Inspector or Zoning Administrator stating that the building or structure, and use of land comply with the regulations of this ordinance and all applicable building and health laws and ordinances.

**B. Certificate of Occupancy:**

No building or structure hereafter erected or structurally altered shall be occupied or used until a Certificate of Occupancy has been issued by the Selectmen, or their authorized Agents, the Building Inspector or Zoning Administrator. The Certificate of Occupancy shall be issued only after the Building Inspector or Zoning Administrator makes a finding that the building or structure has been erected or structurally altered in conformance with the provisions of this ordinance and other health and building laws and in accordance with the building permit.

**C. Use Permit:**

No change shall be made in the use of a building or part thereof now or hereafter erected or structurally altered, or in the use of land now or hereafter occupied, nor shall any use of a building or land be undertaken, without a use permit having first been issued by the Selectmen, or their authorized Agents, the Building Inspector or Zoning Administrator. No such use permit shall be issued to make such change or undertake such use unless it is in conformity with the provisions of this ordinance or amendments thereto hereafter duly enacted.

**D. Earth Material Removal:**

No earth material as defined in Section 3-8 hereof shall be removed unless a permit has been applied for and obtained in a fashion consistent with the provisions of Section 3-8 hereof.

**E.**

The Board of Selectmen, or the Administrative Official, may require of any applicant for a permit such sketches, drawings, plot plans, or other material as are deemed necessary by the Board of Selectmen, or the Administrative Official, to make a decision as to compliance with the provisions of this ordinance.

**F.**

If an applicant requests a permit to undertake an activity on a lot not conforming in size and frontage as otherwise required by this ordinance, and is making application under Article IV, Section 4-2 of this ordinance, such applicant shall file as part of his application, the date of the recording and the Register of Deeds reference number of the recording of the non-conforming lot.

**G.**

The Administrative Official shall be a salaried employee of the Town and shall be paid a salary as determined by the Selectmen and approved by the Town as part of the annual budget.

**H.**

All permits issued under the provisions of this ordinance shall expire and become invalid two years from the date of issuance of the permit.

**I.**

1. Upon receipt of the application for a permit with sufficient

information to clearly establish the nature and extent of the proposed activity, the Administrative Official shall determine whether the proposed activity or use constitutes a permitted use within the provisions of this ordinance or whether a special exception, or a variance is required.

2. If the proposed use requires a special exception or a variance, the Administrative Official shall refer the application for permit to the Board of Adjustment for action.

3. If the proposed use or activity is within the provisions of this ordinance, the Administrative Official shall post a notice in two public places in the Town of Amherst, one of which shall be at the Town Hall and no permit shall be issued until said notice has been posted for a period of seven days. If during that period the Administrative Official received no objection to the issuance of the requested permit, he shall thereafter issue the permit. If during that period the Administrative Official received objection to the issuance of the requested permit, he may issue the permit, refer the application to the Board of Adjustment for action, or deny the permit. Provided, however, that if the application is for a building permit to erect a new single family dwelling unit then Section 3-13 of this ordinance must be complied with in addition to the foregoing and no permit shall be issued except in accordance with said Section 3-13.

To add the following Section 3-13 in its entirety:

**Apportionment of Building Permits for New Construction of Single Family Dwelling Units Planned Growth for Amherst**

**Introduction:**

The Amherst Master Plan sets forth goals and purposes which focus on maintaining the open rural character of the Town while encouraging diversity in the age, social, and economic makeup of the population. These goals can only be accomplished at a rate of growth which is economically sound in terms of additional costs to the Town for services such as new schools, new roads, added police and fire protection, etc.

**Purpose:**

The Town of Amherst is under severe pressure to grow. The population doubled from 2000 to 4000 between 1960 and 1969. The population has almost doubled again to about 7700 in 1976. Because many new families have school age children, the growth pattern has placed a disproportionate burden on Town finances to provide new school facilities at a timely rate. The Master Plan calls for increased housing opportunities for a variety of types of people, including smaller family groups, especially younger and older couples with fewer school age children. The Plan also calls for the encouragement of light industry in the industrial zone to share the tax burden with homeowners. It will take several years to see positive results in these two areas. Meanwhile, the number of new Residential Dwelling Units must be apportioned at a reasonable rate which the

Town can afford in terms of added schools and other services. A total of 663 building permits were issued for single family dwellings from January 1, 1970 through December 31, 1975, or an average of 110 permits per year for the six year period. Taking this historical rate of growth as reasonable, in that it did impose a severe but not impossible tax burden on the Town, it is planned to issue a maximum of 330 building permits during the next three year period. Of this total, 118 permits are capable of being issued to lots which are exempt from control under R.S.A. 36:24A. This leaves a balance of 212 permits available for non-exempt lots. In order to administer this program on a monthly basis, 6 permits per month will be issued for a total of 216 for the three years, or 72 per year.

**Implementation:**

The following zoning regulation has as its purpose the promotion of the general welfare of the community by directly limiting the rate of residential building to a level that is reasonable, so that planning for town services such as schools, roads, police, etc., may be done in an orderly and timely fashion and in order that implementation of this planning will not result in an undue financial burden to the Town.

Building permits for new single family dwelling units will be awarded on a point system described below. In case of ties, the earlier date of application prevails. Building permits will be tallied and posted on the first working day of each month for the preceding month's applications. If less than 6 permits are issued in any month, the remainder shall be carried over to succeeding months. An application for a building permit which fails to reach the top six when first submitted may be resubmitted to compete in subsequent months. In any event, no more than 72 building permits for single family dwellings will be issued in any year exclusive of exempt lots as aforementioned. If fewer than 72 non-exempt permits are issued in one year, the remainder will not be carried forward into the following year. For the purpose of this Section the word "Year" shall be that period from April 1 of any year to March 31 of the succeeding year.

1. Applications shall be reviewed by the Zoning Administrator who shall compute a point score for each application according to the following:

(a) Number of acres or major fraction thereof in lot in excess of the minimum acreage provided in the district for a houselot — X 1 = Point Score

Number of acres or major fraction thereof in lot under current use taxation — X 0.5 = Point Score

Number of acres or major fraction thereof in lot protected by permanent, irrevocable conservation easements which have been accepted by the Conservation Commission and Board of Selectmen — X 3.0 = Point Score

In the case of open space development the "net tract area" within the subdivision X 1.5 = Point Score

Number of building lots.

(b) Number of years taxes paid on subject property by applicant X 2.0 = Point Score

Score

(c) Soils limitation per USDA Soil Conservation Services Classifications for soil type constituting the largest portion of building lot.

| Limitations | Points |
|---|---|
| Slight | 20 |
| Moderate | 10 |
| Severe | 0 |

Score

(d) Location of dwelling by zone:

| | Points |
|---|---|
| Residential | 14 |
| Rural | 9 |
| Northern Rural | 4 |
| Other | 0 |

Score

(e) Roads:

The following roads shall be deemed access roads for the purposes of this section:

Boston Post Road
Route 122
Route 101 (Horace Greeley Highway)
Route 101-A
Route 13

| | Points |
|---|---|
| Frontage paved public way | 25 |
| Frontage unpaved public way | 20 |

Less 1 point for each 1000 feet or major portion thereof from the nearest access road as defined above measured over paved roads and less 2 points for each 1000 feet or major portion thereof over unpaved roads as aforesaid.

Minimum Score Hereunder 0

2. After computing point scores for non-exempt permit applications the zoning administrator shall rank the applications by point score and post building permits for the six highest scoring applications. If less than 6 non-exempt permits are issued in any one month the balance shall be carried over until the succeeding month. Unsuccessful applicants shall have the right to reapply in succeeding months. There shall be issued to any applicant no more than ten (10) total building permits in any given year as defined in this ordinance. In determining the priority for the issuance of building permits pursuant hereto, the zoning administrator shall first compute the

scores as aforesaid for all proposed new single family dwelling units the total living space of which would not exceed 1500 square feet and shall issue the first building permit available in any given month to the highest scoring of such applicants. The balance of such permits shall be added to and considered together with the total number of other applicants.

3. Buiding permits issued hereunder shall be transferable and shall apply to a specific project and location only. Work proposed shall commence within one year of the date of issuance. The permit will expire on the second anniversary of issuance.

4. This section of the zoning ordinance shall be reviewed by the Planning Board at least every three (3) years and sooner, if necessary, in order that said Planning Board may determine whether the priorities manifested by the criteria established hereunder and the rate of growth permitted by the building permit number limitation are consistent with conditions then existing in light of the Master Plan for the Town. This section of the ordinance shall terminate three (3) years from its effective date unless continued in effect or modified by a vote of the Town.

**Ballot Question to read:**

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To clarify when and what type of permits are required for various situations and to limit the number of building permits that will be issued during any one year for new single family dwelling units.

YES ☐ NO ☐

**AMENDMENT NO. 2**
**SIGNS**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 3-4, Section B, so that said article reads as follows:

B. "In the RU and NR Districts lot signs shall be permitted not to exceed twelve square feet in area on any one lot and the height of which shall not exceed nine feet from the ground level to the top of the sign. Two signs not less than one hundred (100) feet apart if they front on the same side of the highway may be permitted provided that the total aggregate area of both signs shall not exceed twelve square feet."

To add the letter "T" to Article 3-4, Section C, so that the provisions thereof apply to the "T" or Transition District.

**Ballot Question to read:**

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board of the Town of Amherst for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To provide sign regulations for the Northern Rural and Transition District.

YES ☐ NO ☐

## AMENDMENT NO. 3
## 101-A INDUSTRIAL

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map as follows:

A. To amend the Zoning Map of the Town of Amherst in the vicinity of Route 101-A as follows:

1. To establish the following described area as a "Commercial District":

The area currently designated as "Industrial" on the South side of Route 101-A between the Milford Town Line on the West and the "Commercial" area at the intersection of Routes 122 and 101-A on the East.

2. To amend the district boundaries of the area currently designated as "Industrial" on the north side of Route 101-A in the vicinity of and across said Route 101-A from Mother Gardner's Crossing, so that said district will be divided into a "Commercial" district, an "Industrial" district and a "Residential" district as follows:

That portion of said district consisting of Lots 88, 89-1 and 89-2 on Property Map No. 2 changed to "Commercial."

Only that portion of said district consisting of a portion of Lot 86 on Tax Map No. 2 retained as "Industrial."

The remainder of said district to be changed to "Residential District."

3. To amend the district boundaries of the area currently designated as "Transition" on the north side of Route 101-A, the east boundary of which is 1500' west of and across Route 101-A from North Hollis Road so that said district will be divided into an "Industrial" district, a "Residential" district and a "Commercial" district as follows:

That portion of said district consisting of Lots 79, a portion of Lot 80, 80-1, 83 and a portion of Lot 86 at the western end of said district to be changed to "Industrial."

That portion of said district consisting of Lots 70, 72-9 to 72-20 inclusive, 75, 76 and 78 to be changed to "Residential."

The remainder of said district to become "Commercial."

4. To amend the district boundaries of the areas currently designated "Transition" and "Commercial" respectively on the south side of Route 101-A extending from 1500' west of North Hollis Road approximately to Mother Gardner's Crossing on the west so that both of said areas will be changed to "Industrial."

B. To amend Article IV of the Zoning Ordinance by deleting in its entirety Section 4-7 Commerical District and substituting therefor the following:

**Section 4-7 Commercial District ("C" District)**

**A. General Purpose**

To provide commercial areas to serve major commercial and business needs of the general public.

**B. Permitted Uses**

(1) All uses permitted in the Limited Commercial District.

(2) Additional uses which include but are not limited to the following:

a. Retail establishments for the sale of general merchandise, appliances or automotive supplies or for the sale, repair, and maintenance of automobiles.

b. Hotels and motels.

c. Department stores and supermarkets.

d. Public utility building, structure or facility.

**C. Area and Frontage Requirements**

(1) The minimum lot area for any permitted use shall be one (1) acre except for a residential use which shall be two (2) acres.

(2) Each lot shall have a minimum frontage of two hundred (200) feet on the principal route of access to the lot.

**D. Yard and Building Requirements**

1. Each structure shall be set back at least one hundred (100) feet and all parking areas shall be set back at least fifty (50) feet from the edge of the highway right-of-way; a landscaped area sufficient to maintain a permanent natural vegetation buffer shall exist between the highway and improved areas along it.

No existing building, structure, or parking area may be expanded or enlarged within these setbacks.

(2) Each structure shall also be set back thirty (30) feet from side and rear lot lines or sixty (60) feet from side lot lines constituting streets where the lot is a corner lot.

(3) Any lot bordering a residential zone or an existing residential use shall have a landscape buffer between any buildings and such residential zone or use.

(4) No building shall be constructed to a height greater than two and one-half (2½) stories or thirty-five (35) feet (whichever is lesser) exclusive of stacks, towers, etc.

(5) The floor area ratio shall be a maximum of 0.4 for one story buildings and 0.7 for two story buildings.

(6) A minimum of thirty (30) per cent of the area of any lot shall remain landscaped open space and not be utilized for construction (including parking).

(7) There shall be no more than one access to any lot wherever desirable for traffic safety and consideration shall be given to combining access points where two or more lots are being concurrently developed.

(8) All storage and/or equipment parking areas shall be fenced, screened, landscaped, or otherwise protected from view.

C. To amend Article II of the Zoning Ordinance by deleting "T Transition District".

D. To amend Article IV, Section 4-9, Industrial District as follows:

(1) Delete Section 4-9 (A) (8) and substitute therefor the following:

(8) Corporate and business offices compatible with other permitted uses in the district.

(9) Wholesale business and storage.

(10) Storage yards (but not junk yards).

(11) All uses permitted in the Limited Commercial District except residential.

(12) Additional uses which include but are not limited to the following:

a. retail establishments for the sale of general merchandise, appliances or automotive supplies or for the sale, repair, and maintenance of automobiles;

b. hotels and motels;

c. department stores and supermarkets;

d. public utility building, structure or facility.

(2) To amend paragraph C as follows:

(C) Area and Frontage Requirements:

(1) The minimum lot area for any permitted use enumerated in paragraph A subsections 1 through 10 (inclusive) shall be one acre and for any permitted use enumerated in subsection 11 and 12 of said paragraph A shall be 3 acres.

(2) Each lot shall have a minimum frontage of:

(a) 200 feet on the principal route of access to the lot if the use is one enumerated in paragraph A, subsections 1 through 10 (inclusive).

(b) If the use is one enumerated in paragraph A, subsections 11 or 12 then minimum frontage shall be either

(1) 500 feet along Route 101-A; or

(2) If a corner lot, 400 feet along Route 101-A plus 200 feet on the side road that leads to 101-A.

(3) Amend Paragraph "D-1" by adding the following:

". . . All building and parking areas shall be set back at least one hundred fifty (150) feet from the edge of the Route 101-A right-of-way; this one hundred fifty (150) feet to be landscaped sufficiently to maintain a permanent natural vegetation buffer between the highway and the buildings and parking areas along it. No existing building, structure or parking area may be expanded or enlarged within this one hundred fifty (150) foot area.

(4) Amend Paragraph "D-6" to read as follows:

As to lots with uses as specified in Paragraph A, subsections 1 through 10 (inclusive). There shall be no more than one access to any lot and consideration shall be given to combining access points where two or more lots are being concurrently developed.

As to lots with uses as specified in Paragraph A, subsections 11 and 12. There shall be no more than one combined entry-exit along Route 101-A except that:

a. if there is access to a side road in addition to Route 101-A there may be only a single entry point off Route 101-A and all exiting must be onto the side road;

b. if there is no access to a side road and frontage along Route 101-A exceeds 600 feet a second entry point of access may be permitted if desirable to facilitate safe traffic flow.

(5) Add new paragraph "E" as follows:

Access to any lot with frontage on Route 101-A shall be by such other streets as are available and not by Route 101-A unless no other access is available.

**Ballot Question to read:**

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To change certain areas along Route 101-A to "Commercial District", "Industrial District" and "Residential District" as shown on the posted map and to provide new district regulations for the "Commercial District" and "Industrial District"?

YES ☐ NO ☐

## AMENDMENT NO. 4
## RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT HOME OCCUPATION

To see if the Town will vote to amend the definition of "Home Occupation" by adding to the current definition of "Home Occupation" contained in Article IX the following:

**Residential District Home Occupation**

Any use conducted entirely within a dwelling and carried on only by the occupants thereof, which use is clearly incidental and secondary to the use of the dwelling for dwelling purposes and does not change the residential character thereof, and in connection with which there is no display, no sign, no outside storage of equipment, machinery or materials, no commodity sold, or offered for sale upon the premises and no outside persons are engaged in such home occupation. A home occupation shall occupy no more than ten (10%) percent of the gross floor area of the dwelling or one single room whichever is greater (inclusive of storage space).

Amend Article V — Section 5-4 (G) so that it reads as follows:

G. Residential District Home Occupation 3-4-75 — provided there be no alteration in the building involved which affects the exterior appearance.

**Ballot Question to read:**

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board of the Town for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To add a new definition describing a Residential District Home Occupation?

YES ☐ NO ☐

## AMENDMENT NO. 5

## WATERSHED PROTECTION AREA

To see if the Town will vote to enlarge the effective area designated as "Watershed Protection Area" by adding to the second paragraph of Article 3-12, Section B, the following language:

". . . and all land within fifty (50) feet of the Wetland Conservation District and all land within the Floodplain Conservation District."

And to see if the Town will vote to amend Section C of said Article 3-12 so that the same reads as follows:

"No septic system shall be constructed within the Watershed Protection Area and no structure shall be constructed within the Watershed Protection Area except for structures which are normally associated with use in or near water or relate to transportation over water. Structures that are permitted under this ordinance shall include, among other things, wharves, boat houses, and bridges."

**Ballot Question to read:**

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board of the Town for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To enlarge the "Watershed Protection Area" by adding thereto all land within 50 feet of the "Wetland Conservation District" and all land within the "Floodplain Conservation District" and also to allow the erection of certain appropriate structures within the "Watershed Protection Area."

YES ☐ NO ☐

## AMENDMENT NO. 6 (BY PETITION)

## SIGNS

**Ballot Question to read:**

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by petition of the voters for this Town as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 3-4, (D) (6) by deleting Sections 3-4 (D) (6) and by substituting a new section as follows:

No sign which offers property for sale or for rent, or which indicates that property has been sold may remain on the property and visible following forty-eight (48) hours after the closing has occurred or rental occupancy has begun.

YES ☐ NO ☐

**AMENDMENT NO. 7 (BY PETITION)**
**COMMERCIAL DISTRICT**

**Ballot Question to read:**

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed by petition of the Voters for this Town as follows:

To amend the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Amherst and the Zoning Map incorporated therein by reference, to change the area designated on Property Map No. 6 as 57-1 from "Rural" to "Commercial" District as defined in said Zoning Ordinance.

YES ☐ NO ☐

Article 3. (By Petition)

Are you in favor of changing the term of the Town Clerk from one year to three years, beginning with the term of the Town Clerk to be elected at the next year's regular Town Meeting?

YES ☐ NO ☐

Article 4.

Are you in favor, per RSA 41:25, of compensating the Town Clerk on an annual salary basis in lieu of statutory fees? All fees then collected by the Town Clerk shall be paid to the Town Treasurer for the use of the Town as directed by the Selectmen. The effective date of this change shall be April 1, 1977.

YES ☐ NO ☐

Article 5.

To see if the Town will give the Selectmen and the Town Treasurer the authority to borrow money in anticipation of tax receipts.

Article 6.

To raise such money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same.

Article 7.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the withdrawal from Revenue Sharing Funds established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972 for the use as set offs against budget appropriations for the following specific purposes and in the amounts indicated herewith or take any action hereon:

| Appropriation | Amount |
|---|---|
| Planning Board | $2,130 |
| Zoning Department | 3,500 |
| Mapping & Surveying | 2,000 |
| Town Library | 2,000 |
| Town Office Expense | 1,200 |
| Fire Department | 5,130 |
| Rescue Squad | 415 |
| Police Department | 7,989 |
| Baboosic Lake Park | 2,200 |
| Town Hall | 3,500 |
| Highway Department | 7,600 |
| | $37,664 |

Article 8.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of five thousand two hundred dollars ($5,200) to purchase a Police Cruiser and to authorize the withdrawal of the amount required for this purpose from the Revenue Sharing Funds established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972 or take action relative thereto.

Article 9.

To see if the Town will vote to change the procedure of auditing accounts of any and all fiscal agents of the Town by local elected auditors to the procedure of annual audit by the employment of a certified public account and to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand dollars ($6,000) to audit the accounts of all fiscal agents for the years 1976 and 1977 and to authorize the withdrawal of the amount required for this purpose from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provision of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972, or take action relative thereto.

Article 10.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars ($5,000) to construct a new fire exit for the second floor of the Town Hall and authorize the withdrawal of this amount from Revenue Sharing Funds established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972 or take action relative thereto.

Article 11.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of sixteen thousand one hundred twenty-five dollars ($16,125) to establish a Capital Reserve Fund to provide for the orderly replacement of special Highway Equipment such as sanders, plows, tractors, etc., other than Motor Vehicles and Highway Grader and to authorize the withdrawal of said amount from surplus for the purpose of providing the necessary funds and that the Selectmen be directed to carry out the intent of this Article or take action relative thereto.

Article 12.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand three hundred and twenty-four dollars ($5,324.00) to acquire a Hurst Tool for the Amherst Rescue Squad and to take the necessary steps to apply for and to receive a grant from the N.H. Highway Safety Agency for reimbursement in the amount of two thousand six hundred and sixty-two dollars ($2,662) and the balance of two thousand six hundred and sixty-two dollars ($2,662) to be reimbursed thru a gift in like amount from Amherst Rescue Squad.

Article 13.

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred sixty thousand dollars ($160,000) to cover the cost of the construction of a new bridge to replace the present bridge No. 93-100 spanning the Souhegan River on the Boston Post Road South and to authorize the withdrawal of $100,000 from the surplus account for the purpose of providing part of the necessary funds, the balance of said funds required to be raised from taxes in the amount of $60,000, or take action relative thereto.

Article 14.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of nine hundred thirty-five dollars ($935) to be expended by the Bicentennial Commission to complete the 1976 Local Bicentennial Celebration program, said amount to be returned to the Town from income from planned activities or take action relative thereto.

Article 15.

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars ($15,000) for the purpose of acquiring a tract of land abutting the Village Cemetery of which ten thousand dollars ($10,000) shall be withdrawn from Cemetery Funds, the balance of five thousand dollars ($5,000) to be raised by taxes, and that said amount of five thousand dollars ($5,000) shall be repaid to the Town from Cemetery Income funds over a period of five years and that the Cemetery Trustees be authorized to act in accordance herewith.

Article 16.

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000) to be administered by the Conservation Commission with the concurrence of the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of acquiring land at their discretion to provide open space and recreational use in accordance with NHRSA 36-A.

Article 17.

To see if the town will vote to authorize the mailing of one copy only of the annual Town Report to each property owner of record and to raise and appropriate the sum of seven hundred fifty dollars ($750.00) to defray postage.

Article 18. (By Petition)

To see if the Town by majority vote at the Town Meeting will decide to elect the members of the Planning Board. If such procedure is adopted, the Planning Board members shall be elected at the next regular Town Meeting in accordance with the provision of RSA 36:4b.

Article 19.

To see if the town will vote to adopt the semi-annual form of tax billing as provided for under RSA 76:15B to become effective in 1978.

Article 20. (By Petition)

Shall we adopt the provision of RSA 72:62 for a property tax exemption on real property equipped with solar energy heating or cooling system which exemption shall be in an amount equal to 100% of the value of the solar heating and cooling system?

Article 21.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell three (3) parcels of land identified at Lot #5-65/1 size 3 acres; Lot 8-38 size 2 acres and Lot 4-16 size one acre acquired by tax collectors deed.

Article 22. (By Petition)

To see if the Town of Amherst will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 in support of the Milford Area Women's Information Service (WISE, INC.) to continue its free counseling and information referral services for Amherst citizens.

Article 23.

To see if the Town under the provisions of New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated 1955, Chapter 466, as amended will vote to adopt the following Dog Control Bylaw to become effective within 30 days of date of adoption.

As used in this bylaw "Dog" shall be intended to mean both male and female.

"Owner" shall be intended to mean any person or persons, firm, association or corporation owning, keeping or harboring a dog.

I. Running at large prohibited: It shall be unlawful to permit any dog to run at large. "At Large" shall be intended to mean off the premises of the owner or the keeper, and not under the control of the owner or a responsible person. It shall be unlawful for any female dog in heat to run at large or be off the premises of the owner or keeper.

II. Restraint of Dogs: Dogs while confined to owner's premises shall be kept so in a humane and safe manner having a maximum freedom and in no way to permit undue hardship on the animal.

III. Penalties: Any owner found violating any provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a violation and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine as determined by the court.

This Ordinance shall become effective April 1, 1977 upon passage.

Given under our hands and seals this 21st Day of February in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventy-seven.

FRANCIS N. PERRY
EDWARD C. MASTEN
ROBERT LOWN
THOMAS GRELLA
ANN SNOW

A True copy, Attest:

FRANCIS N. PERRY
EDWARD C. MASTEN
ROBERT LOWN
THOMAS GRELLA
ANN SNOW

# *Budget*

| PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION | Approp. Previous Fiscal Year | Actual Expenditures Previous Fiscal Year | Approp. Ensuing Fiscal Year 1977 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **General Government:** | | | |
| Town Officers' Salaries | $ 13,100.00 | $ 13,325.00 | $ 23,018.00 |
| Town Officers' Expenses | 38,344.00 | 37,088.61 | 46,234.00 |
| Election & Registration Expenses | 3,000.00 | 3,874.48 | 2,000.00 |
| Town Hall & other Town Bldgs. | 15,353.00 | 14,591.35 | 18,006.00 |
| Employees' Retirement & Soc. Sec. | 21,025.00 | 15,718.05 | 22,467.00 |
| Contingency Fund | 5,000.00 | 1,291.51 | 6,500.00 |
| **Protection of Persons & Property:** | | | |
| Police Department | 122,413.00 | 134,151.20 | 140,509.00 |
| Fire Department | 53,580.00 | 50,407.35 | 57,560.00 |
| Care of Trees | 3,000.00 | 1,756.00 | 3,400.00 |
| Insurance | 31,960.00 | 34,605.25 | 42,738.00 |
| Planning & Zoning | 29,130.00 | 28,735.79 | 39,328.00 |
| Damages & Legal Expense | 9,374.00 | 12,972.45 | 14,260.00 |
| Civil Defense | 1,185.00 | 1,180.07 | 1,050.00 |
| **Health Department:** | 10,235.00 | 10,590.38 | 17,594.00 |
| Vital Statistics | 100.00 | 78.00 | 100.00 |
| Town Dump & Garbage Removal | | 3,752.63 | 7,600.00 |
| **Highways & Bridges:** | | | |
| Town Maint. — Summer & Winter | 234,521.77 | 260,883.70 | 246,846.12 |
| Street Lighting | 5,800.00 | 4,833.98 | 6,100.00 |
| General Exp. of Highway Dept. | 24,520.00 | 27,373.33 | 27,506.00 |
| Town Road Aid | 2,111.98 | 2,111.98 | 2,191.00 |
| **Libraries:** | 38,115.00 | 38,115.00 | 45,157.00 |
| **Public Welfare:** | | | |
| Town Poor | 9,500.00 | 6,895.80 | 8,500.00 |
| Old Age Assistance | 6,000.00 | 6,602.41 | 6,500.00 |
| **Patriotic Purposes:** | 2,965.00 | 2,755.10 | 2,200.00 |
| **Recreation:** | 33,847.00 | 34,684.01 | 39,295.00 |

# *Budget*

| | Approp. Previous Fiscal Year | Actual Expenditures Previous Fiscal Year | Approp. Ensuing Fiscal Year 1977 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Public Service Enterprises:** | | | |
| Municipal Water --- Electric Utilities | 1,875.00 | 1,875.00 | 1,875.00 |
| Cemeteries | 8,234.00 | 8,214.65 | 8,234.00 |
| **Debt Service:** | | | |
| Principal & Long Term Notes & Bonds | | 11,297.37 | |
| Interest on Temporary Loans | 16,000.00 | 14,819.63 | 15,000.00 |
| **Capital Outlay:** | | | |
| Articles | 137,290.00 | 71,034.01 | 239,584.00 |
| Souhegan Land Fill | 40,883.95 | 20,042.00 | 18,476.24 |
| Payment to Capital Reserve Fund | 21,000.00 | 21,000.00 | 23,500.00 |
| TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS | $939,463.70 | $896,656.09 | $1,133,328.63 |

# *Budget*

| | Estimated Revenue Previous Fiscal Year | Actual Revenue Previous Fiscal Year | Estimated Revenue Ensuing Fiscal Year 1977 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **From State:** | | | |
| Interest & Dividends Tax | $ 82,000.00 | $ 70,096.53 | $ 60,000.00 |
| Savings Bank Tax | 8,500.00 | 8,447.10 | 8,000.00 |
| Meals & Rooms Tax | 43,000.00 | 50,680.66 | 50,000.00 |
| Highway Subsidy (Cl. IV & V) | 36,037.77 | 36,036.77 | 36,521.12 |
| Reim. a-c Business Profits Tax (Town Portion) | 1,969.00 | 1,969.00 | 2,068.00 |
| Reim. OAA | | 416.64 | |
| Reim. CD | | 374.43 | |
| **From Local Sources:** | | | |
| Dog Licenses | 2,600.00 | 2,660.00 | 2,600.00 |
| Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees | 200.00 | 300.01 | 200.00 |
| Motor Vehicle Permit Fees | 125,000.00 | 160,690.77 | 145,000.00 |
| Interest on Taxes & Deposits | 25,000.00 | 47,776.00 | 35,000.00 |
| Income from Trust Funds | 4,200.00 | 6,896.05 | 4,200.00 |
| Withdrawal Capital Reserve Funds | | 1,086.35 | 10,000.00 |
| Fines & Forfeits — Municipal and District Court | 300.00 | 15.00 | |
| National Bank Stock Taxes | 400.00 | 300.42 | 300.00 |
| Resident Taxes Retained | 36,200.00 | 44,540.00 | 44,500.00 |
| Normal Yield Taxes Assessed | 500.00 | 292.86 | 200.00 |
| Rent of Town Property | 5,400.00 | 6,150.00 | 5,390.00 |
| Sale of Town Property | | 2,150.50 | |
| Income from Departments | 34,445.00 | 70,308.92 | 51,113.00 |
| Gas Tax Refund | 1,200.00 | 1,226.61 | 1,300.00 |
| Gift | | | 2,662.00 |
| **Surplus:** | | 174,000.00 | 16,125.00 |
| **From Federal Sources:** | | | |
| Interest | 869.58 | 1,243.44 | |
| Revenue Sharing | 32,872.00 | 36,752.00 | 53,864.00 |
| Grants | 20,300.00 | 35,416.35 | 10,814.00 |
| TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT PROPERTY TAXES | 460,993.26 | 759,826.41 | 539,857.12 |
| Amount to be raised by Property Taxes | 478,470.44 | 270,218.24 | 593,471.51 |
| TOTAL REVENUES | $939,463.70 | $1,030,044.65 | $1,133,328.63 |

# *Summary Inventory of Valuation*

| | | 1975 | | 1976 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Land | | **$ 29,289,480 | | **$ 29,486,676 |
| Buildings | | 65,599,630 | | 70,610,870 |
| Factory Buildings | | 493,500 | | 493,450 |
| Public Water Utility | | 110,300 | | |
| Public Utility — Gas | | 494,450 | | 504,440 |
| Public Utility — Electric | | 1,096,650 | | 1,086,710 |
| CATV | | | | |
| House Trailers | (53) | 143,840 | (51) | 149,940 |
| Boats | (48) | 30,003 | (48) | 29,101 |
| Total Valuation Before Exemptions | | 97,257,853 | | 102,361,187 |
| Elderly Exemptions | | 167,500 | | 479,000 |
| Blind Exemption | (1) | 5,000 | (3) | 15,000 |
| Net Valuation on which Tax Rate is Computed | | $ 97,085,353 | | $101,867,187 |

**Reflects Land Use Exemptions

**Current Use Property**

| Category | Number of Acres Granted Under This Category |
|---|---|
| Farm Land | 1,030 |
| Forest Land | 1,988 |
| Wild Land | |
| Wild Land | 2,459 |
| "Productive" wild land | |
| Unmanaged forest & farm land | 1,203 |
| Inactive farm land | 675 |
| Natural Preserve Land | 119 |
| Wetland | 967 |
| Flood Plain | |
| Recreation Land | |

# *Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures*
# *Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1976*

| Title of Appropriation | Appro-priation | + or — Income | Amount, Avail. | Expended to 12/31 | Accounts Payable | Total Expended | Over | Under | 1977 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Town officers' salaries | $ 13,100.00 | $ 25.00 | $ 13,125.00 | $ 13,325.00 | $ | $ 13,325.00 | $ 200.00 | $ | $ 23,018.00 |
| Town office expense | 36,344.00 | 633.15 | 36,977.15 | 35,352.81 | 2,200.00 | 37,552.81 | 575.66 | | 42,234.00 |
| Elections | 3,000.00 | 274.01 | 3,274.01 | 3,874.48 | 822.00 | 4,696.48 | 1,422.47 | | 2,000.00 |
| Legal | 6,000.00 | | 6,000.00 | 10,499.00 | | 10,499.99 | 4,499.99 | | 10,000.00 |
| Insurance | 31,960.00 | 3,886.18 | 35,846.18 | 34,605.25 | | 34,605.25 | | 1,240.93 | 42,738.00 |
| Social Security | 16,450.00 | | 16,450.00 | 10,785.02 | | 10,785.02 | | 5,664.98 | 12,467.00 |
| Mapping | 2,000.00 | 198.50 | 2,198.50 | 1,735.80 | | 1,735.80 | | 462.70 | 4,000.00 |
| Retirement | 4,575.00 | | 4,575.00 | 4,933.03 | | 4,933.03 | 358.03 | | 9,300.00 |
| Town Hall | 9,259.00 | 1,177.46* | 10,436.46 | 10,335.97 | | 10,335.97 | | 100.49 | 11,323.00 |
| Brick School | 6,004.00 | 260.00 | 6,354.00 | 4,255.38 | | 4,255.38 | | 2,098.62 | 6,683.00 |
| Police Department | 111,438.00 | 10,561.64 | 121,999.64 | 123,703.20 | | 123,703.20 | 1,703.56 | | 127,991.00 |
| Fire Department | 53,580.00 | 401.90 | 53,981.90 | 50,407.35 | 2,436.95 | 52,844.30 | | 1,137.60 | 57,560.00 |
| Civil Defense | 1,185.00 | | 1,185.00 | 1,180.07 | | 1,180.07 | | 4.93 | 1,050.00 |

| Title of Appropriation | Appro-priation | + or — Income | Amount. Avail. | Expended to 12/31 | Accounts Payable | Total Expended | Over | Under | 1977 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dog Account | 3,375.00 | —124.40 | 3,250.60 | 2,472.46 | | 2,472.46 | | 778.14 | 4,260.00 |
| Communications | 10,975.00 | | 10,975.00 | 10,448.00 | | 10,448.00 | | 527.00 | 12,518.00 |
| Hydrant Rental | 1,875.00 | | 1,875.00 | 1,875.00 | | 1,875.00 | | | 1,875.00 |
| Tree Care | 3,000.00 | 150.00 | 3,150.00 | 1,756.00 | 400.00 | 2,156.00 | | 994.00 | 3,400.00 |
| Street Lights | 5,800.00 | | 5,800.00 | 4,833.98 | | 4,883.93 | | 966.02 | 6,100.00 |
| Conservation | 1,500.00 | 98.81 | 1,598.81 | 1,372.98 | | 1,372.98 | | 225.83 | 1,600.00 |
| Board of Adjustment | 1,000.00 | 156.45 | 1,156.45 | 1,227.02 | | 1,227.02 | 70.57 | | 1,700.00 |
| Planning Board | 4,800.00 | 581.50 | 5,381.50 | 4,105.77 | | 4,105.77 | | 1,275.73 | 5,975.00 |
| Zoning Administrator | 22,130.00 | 15,588.83 | 37,718.83 | 22,252.00 | | 22,252.00 | | 15,466.83 | 30,453.00 |
| Nashua Regional Planning | 1,200.00 | | 1,200.00 | 1,151.00 | | 1,151.00 | | 49.00 | 1,200.00 |
| Board of Health | 500.00 | | 500.00 | 500.00 | | 500.00 | | | 550.00 |
| Souhegan Nursing | 1,500.00 | | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 | | 1,500.00 | | | 3,000.00 |
| Nashua Mental Health | 1,000.00 | | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | | 1,000.00 | | | 2,000.00 |
| Ambulance | 7,235.00 | | 7,235.00 | 7,590.38 | | 7,590.38 | 355.38 | | 12,044.00 |
| Vital Statistics | 100.00 | | 100.00 | 78.00 | | 78.00 | | 22.00 | 100.00 |
| OAA | 6,000.00 | | 6,000.00 | 6,602.41 | | 6,602.41 | 602.41 | | 6,500.00 |
| Town Poor | 9,000.00 | 545.30 | 9,545.30 | 6,895.80 | 150.00 | 7,045.80 | | 2,499.50 | 8,000.00 |
| Veterans' Aid | 500.00 | | 500.00 | | | | | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| Library | 38,115.00 | | 38,115.00 | 38,115.00 | | 38,115.00 | | | 45,157.00 |

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| General Expense | 24,520.00 | 1,771.12 | 26,291.12 | 27,373.33 | | 27,373.33 | 1,082.21 | | 27,506.00 |
| Winter Maintenance | 88,637.00 | 35.00 | 88,672.00 | 93,467.05 | | 93,467.05 | 4,795.05 | | 94,212.00 |
| Summer Maintenance | 47,428.00 | 6,445.79 | 53,873.79 | 52,846.11 | | 52,846.11 | | 1,027.68 | 50,978.00 |
| Oiling | 50,420.00 | 900.00 | 51,320.00 | 51,433.66 | | 51,433.66 | 113.66 | | 52,535.00 |
| Road Improvements | 12,000.00 | 1,443.00 | 13,443.00 | 13,489.15 | | 13,489.15 | 46.15 | | 12,600.00 |
| TRA | 2,111.98 | | 2,111.98 | 2,111.98 | | 2,111.98 | | | 2,191.27 |
| Gas Subsidy | 36,036.77 | | 36,036.77 | 36,168.58 | | 36,168.58 | 131.81 | | 36,521.12 |
| Grader Fund | 3,000.00 | | 3,000.00 | 3,000.00 | | 3,000.00 | | | 8,500.00 |
| Parks | 5,720.00 | 126.00 | 5,846.00 | 5,704.63 | | 5,704.63 | | 141.37 | 7,710.00 |
| Cemeteries | 3,234.00 | | 8,234.00 | 8,214.65 | | 8,214.65 | | 19.35 | 8,234.00 |
| Dump | | 3,740.63 | 3,740.63 | 3,752.63 | | 3,752.63 | 12.00 | | 7,600.00 |
| Recreation | 13,820.00 | 2,331.55 | 16,151.55 | 13,927.18 | 186.00 | 14,113.18 | | 2,038.37 | 15,550.00 |
| Baboosic | 12,807.00 | 2,783.86 | 15,590.86 | 13,679.22 | 1,001.21 | 14,680.43 | | 910.43 | 14,435.00 |
| Capital Reserve Truck | | | | | | | | | 15,000.00 |
| Memorial | 600.00 | | 600.00 | 552.88 | | 552.88 | | 47.12 | 600.00 |
| 4th of July | 2,365.00 | 50.00 | 2,315.00 | 2,202.22 | | 2,202.22 | | 112.78 | 1,600.00 |
| Debt Service (Int.) | 16,000.00 | | 16,000.00 | 14,819.63 | | 14,819.63 | | 1,180.37 | 15,000.00 |
| Contingency | 5,000.00 | 1,157.34 | 3,842.66 | 1,250.00 | 2,592.66 | 3,842.66 | | | 6,500.00 |
| TOTAL | $743,289.75 | $52,783.94 | $796,073.69 | $762,762.05 | $9,788.82 | $772,550.87 | $15,968.95 | $39,491.77 | $875,268.39 |

# *Statement of Appropriations and Taxes Assessed and Tax Rate*

| APPROPRIATIONS | AMOUNT |
|---|---|
| Town Officers' Salaries | $ 13,100 00 |
| Town Officers' Expenses | 36,344 00 |
| Election & Registration Expenses | 3,000 00 |
| Town Hall & Other Town Buildings | 15,353 00 |
| Employees' Retirement & Social Security | 21,025 00 |
| Contingency Fund | 5,000 00 |
| Police Department | 122,413 00 |
| Fire Department | 53,580 00 |
| Care of Trees | 3,000 00 |
| Insurance | 31,960 00 |
| Planning & Zoning | 29,130 00 |
| Damages & Legal Expenses | 9,375 00 |
| Civilian Defense | 1,185 00 |
| Health Department | 10,235 00 |
| Vital Statistics | 100 00 |
| Town Dump | 40,883 95 |
| Town Maintenance – Summer & Winter | 234,521 77 |
| Street Lighting | 5,800 00 |
| General Expenses of Highway Department | 24,520 00 |
| Town Road Aid | 2,111 98 |
| Libraries | 38,115 00 |
| Town Poor | 9,500 00 |
| Old Age Assistance | 6,000 00 |
| Patriotic Purposes | 2,965 00 |
| Recreation (Parks, Playgrounds, etc.) | 32,347 00 |
| Municipal Water & Electric Utilities | 1,875 00 |
| Cemeteries | 8,234 00 |
| Interest | 16,000 00 |
| Article 11 – Library | 1,500 00 |
| Article 12 – Highway Truck | 8,000 00 |
| Article 13 – Cruiser | 4,500 00 |
| Article 14 – Fire Station | 3,000 00 |
| Article 15 – Capital Reserve | 18,000 00 |
| Article 16 – Conservation Land | 15,000 00 |
| Article 17 – Tennis Courts | 50,000 00 |
| Article 18 – Master Plan | 5,000 00 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Article 19 — Bicentennial | 3,790 00 |
| Article 20 — Town Common | 7,200 00 |
| Article 22 — Fire Alarm | 11,300 00 |
| Article 23 — Retirement | 28,000 00 |
| Grader | 3,000 00 |
| Mapping | 2,000 00 |
| Conservation | 1,500 00 |
| Total Town Appropriations | $939,463 70 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Interest and Dividends Tax | $ 70,096 53 | |
| Railroad Tax | 0 | |
| Savings Bank Tax | 8,447 10 | |
| Meals & Rooms Tax | 43,000 00 | |
| Recreation Grant | 25,000 00 | |
| Revenue from Yield Tax Sources | 244 05 | |
| Interest Received on Taxes | 22,596 00 | |
| Interest Received on Deposits | 16,847 00 | |
| Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees | 163 00 | |
| Dog Licenses | 2,600 00 | |
| Motor Vehicle Permit Fees | 125,000 00 | |
| Rent of Town Property & Equip. | 5,000 00 | |
| Income from Trust Funds | 4,365 00 | |
| National Bank Stock Taxes | 265 00 | |
| Resident Taxes | 44,820 00 | |
| Surplus | 174,000 00 | |
| Revenue Sharing | 34,175 00 | |
| Highway Subsidy | 36,036 78 | |
| Income from Departments | 56,560 00 | |
| Total Revenues & Credits | | $ 669,215 46 |
| Net Town Appropriations | | $ 270,248 24 |
| Net School Appropriations | | 2,596,322 93 |
| County Tax Assessment | | 163,161 45 |
| Total of Town, School & County | | $3,029,732 62 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Deduct: Total Bus. Profits Tax Reimb. | −23,080 00 |
| Add: War Service Tax Credits | +34,950 00 |
| Add: Overlay | +14,412 99 |
| Property Taxes to be Raised | $3,056,015 61 |

**TAX RATES (per thousand)**

| Unit of Government | Rate |
|---|---|
| Municipal | $ 3.12 |
| County | 1.59 |
| School | 25.29 |
| | $30.00 |
| Amherst Village District | .27 |

## DISTRIBUTION OF TAX DOLLAR TO

| Year | Schools | Town | Sanitary Waste Disposal | County |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1959 | $1.715 | $0.188 | — | $0.097 |
| 1960 | .717 | .197 | — | .086 |
| 1961 | .733 | .179 | — | .088 |
| 1962 | .764 | .160 | — | .076 |
| 1963 | .751 | .175 | — | .074 |
| 1964 | .758 | .171 | — | .071 |
| 1965 | .767 | .161 | — | .062 |
| *1966 | .848 | .104 | — | .048 |
| 1967 | .842 | .101 | — | .057 |
| 1968 | .835 | .117 | — | .048 |
| 1969 | .867 | .085 | — | .048 |
| 1970 | .845 | .102 | — | .053 |
| 1971 | .836 | .119 | — | .045 |
| 1972 | .859 | .097 | — | .044 |
| 1973 | .840 | .121 | — | .039 |
| *1974 | .758 | .198 | .013 | .031 |
| 1975 | .780 | .167 | .013 | .040 |
| 1976 | .843 | .091 | .013 | .053 |
| Average 1959-66 | $0.798 | $0.141 | — | $0.061 |
| Average 1966-76 | .832 | .188 | .004 | .046 |

# *Balance Sheet*

## ASSETS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash: | | |
| In hands of Treasurer (Schedule A) | $1,464,735 05 | |
| In hand of Officials | 50 00 | |
| Total | | $1,464,785 05 |
| Capital Reserve Funds: | | |
| Grader | $10,148 41 | |
| M. V. Res. | 15,552 61 | |
| Fire Equipment | 97,613 16 | |
| Recreation | 689 50 | |
| Rescue | 3,110 75 | |
| Total | | 127,114 43 |
| Accounts Due to the Town: | | |
| Schedule B | | 2,681 10 |
| Unredeemed Taxes: | | |
| (b) Levy of 1975 | $33,858 11 | |
| (c) Levy of 1974 | 12,385 70 | |
| (d) Previous Years | 310 67 | |
| Total | | 46,554 48 |
| Uncollected Taxes: | | |
| (a) Levy of 1976, including Resident Taxes | $504,235 05 | |
| (b) Levy of 1975 | 260 00 | |
| Total | | 504,495 05 |
| Grand Total | | $2,145,630 11 |
| Current Surplus, Dec. 31, 1975 | | 249,029 01 |
| Current Surplus, Dec. 31, 1976 | | 171,607 82 |
| Increase-Decrease of Surplus Change in Financial Condition | | 77,421 19 |

## LIABILITIES

| | |
|---|---|
| Accounts Owed by the Town: | |
| Bills Outstanding (Schedule D) | $ 12,391 32 |
| Unexpended Balances of Special Appropriations (Schedule C) | 86,050 48 |
| Unexpended Revenue Sharing Funds | 17,838 40 |
| Yield Tax Deposits (Escrow Acc't.) | 316 73 |
| School District Taxes Payable | 1,730,310 93 |
| Total Accounts Owed by the Town | $1,846,907 86 |
| Capital Reserve Funds | 127,114 43 |
| Total Liabilities | $1,974,052 29 |
| Current Surplus (Excess of Assets over Liabilities) | 171,607 82 |
| Grand Total | $2,145,630 11 |

## SCHEDULE C

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Balance of Special Appropriations: | | |
| Souhegan Land Fill | | |
| 1-1-77 to 6-30-77 | $20,841 95 | |
| Article 17 of '76 Tennis courts | 23,708 49 | |
| Article 18 of '76 Master Plan | 4,671 20 | |
| Article 22 of '76 Alarms | 11,300 00 | |
| Article 13 of '74 Land Fill Land | 22,594 84 | |
| Article of '75 Woodchipper | 434 00 | |
| Article 23 of '76 Retirement | 2,500 00 | |
| | | $ 86,050 48 |

## SCHEDULE B

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Accounts Receivable: | | |
| Human Development Grant, Knous | $ 1,906 10 | |
| Mont Vernon Ambulance Payment | 475 00 | |
| Police Private Duty | 300 00 | |
| | | $ 2,681 10 |

## SCHEDULE D

| | |
|---|---|
| Accounts Payable: | |
| Trustees of Cemeteries | $ 200 00 |
| Trustees of the Trust Funds | 1,065 00 |
| E. C. Masten, Welfare Officer | 150 00 |
| Puritan Gardens | 400 00 |
| Data Processing | 3,022 00 |
| Thomas Moran | 1,500 00 |
| Bissonette Signs | 76 00 |
| Fire Barn | 1,000 00 |
| Blanchard Inc. | 1,136 00 |
| State of N.H. | 15 75 |
| Firemark | 29 50 |
| R. White | 3 00 |
| Fred Yunggebauer | 85 00 |
| Don's Sport Center | 89 00 |
| Thomas Sasdi | 1,092 66 |
| Recreation Department – Baboosic | 325 21 |
| Recreation | 97 00 |
| Fire Department | 557 25 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Town Office Expense | 395 45 | |
| Baboosic Pavillion roof | 600 00 | |
| | | $ 11,838 82 |
| Bon Terrain | | 552 50 |
| | | $12,391 32 |

SCHEDULE E

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Current Maintenance Expenses: | | |
| Article 22 | $16,000 00 | |
| Article 19 | 612 57 | |
| Article 18 Cruiser | 4,259 42 | |
| Article 19 | 223 50 | |
| Article 15 | 2,990 80 | |
| Article 19 of '76 | 7,218 90 | |
| Article 20 Common | 7,200 00 | |
| Article 23 Retirement | 21,408 55 | |
| Article 15 Capital res. | 18,000 00 | |
| Article 20 | 1,291 51 | |
| Article 18 | 328 80 | |
| Article 11 Books | 1,500 00 | |
| Article 12 | 8,000 00 | |
| Contingency | 1,291 51 | |
| Land Fill | 20,042 00 | |
| Town Clerks account | 8,281 67 | |
| | | $118,649 19 |
| # 25 | | |
| Other receipts from State: | | |
| Gas Tax Refunds | $ 1,226 61 | |
| Civil Prepar. reim. | 374 43 | |
| | | $ 1,601 04 |

## *Schedule of Long Term Indebtedness*

**As of December 31, 1976**

| | |
|---|---|
| Long Term Notes Outstanding: | |
| Arnold Land for Land Fill | |
| Total Long Term Notes Outstanding | $22,594 84 |
| Total Long Term Indebtedness – December 31, 1976; June 30, 1977 | $22,594 84 |

# *Receipts and Payments*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Current Revenue:** | | |
| **From Local Taxes:** | | |
| Property Taxes, current yr., 1976 | 2,518,556 41 | |
| Resident Taxes, current yr., 1976 | 38,000 00 | |
| Nat'l. Bank Stock Taxes, current yr., 1976 | 300 42 | |
| Yield Taxes, current yr., 1976 | 292 86 | |
| Total Current Year's Taxes Collected and Remitted | | $2,557,149 69 |
| Property Taxes & Yield Taxes, prev. yrs. | | 491,761 27 |
| Resident Taxes, prev. yrs. | | 6,540 00 |
| Land Use | | 2,835 50 |
| Interest received on Delinquent Taxes | | 23,494 34 |
| Penalties: Resident Taxes | | 743 00 |
| Tax Sales redeemed | | 125,540 43 |
| | | $3,208,154 23 |
| **From State:** | | |
| Highway Subsidy | | 36,036 77 |
| Interest & Dividends Tax | | 70,096 53 |
| Savings Bank Tax | | 8,447 10 |
| Reimbursement a-c Old Age Assistance | | 416 64 |
| Meals & Rooms Tax | | 50,680 66 |
| Reimbursements a-c Business Profits Tax | | 23,081 76 |
| All Other Receipts from State | | 1,601 04 |
| **From Local Sources, Except Taxes:** | | |
| Dog Licenses | | 2,660 60 |
| Business licenses, permits & filing fees | | 37,491 84 |
| Fines & Forfeits, municipal & district court | | 15 00 |
| Rent of Town Property | | 6,150 00 |
| Interest received on deposits | | 23,832 34 |
| Income from trust funds | | 6,896 05 |
| Income from departments | | 33,117 09 |
| Motor Vehicle permits | | 160,690 77 |
| Total Current Revenue Receipts | | $3,669,368 42 |
| **Receipts Other than Current Revenue:** | | |
| Proceeds of Tax Anticipation Notes | $800,000 00 | |
| Insurance adjustments | 3,964 14 | |
| Refunds | 535 30 | |
| New Trust Funds received during year | 200 00 | |
| Withdrawals from Capital Reserve Funds | 1,086 35 | |
| Grants from U.S.A.: | | |
| Revenue Sharing | 36,752 00 | |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Interest on Investments of Revenue Sharing Funds | 1,243 44 | |
| Law Enforcement Assistance Act | 11,872 52 | |
| Emergency Employment Act | 16,393 83 | |
| Recreation Grants | 6,150 00 | |
| All Other Grants from U.S.A. Bicentennial | 1,000 00 | |
| Total Receipts from All Sources | | 4,548,566 00 |
| Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1976 | | 1,260,178 41 |
| Grand Total | | $5,808,744 41 |

| | |
|---|---|
| **Current Maintenance Expenses:** | |
| **General Government:** | |
| Town Officers' Salaries | $ 13,325 00 |
| Town Officers' Expenses | 35,352 81 |
| Election & Registration Expenses | 3,874 48 |
| Expenses Town Hall & other Town Bldgs. | 14,591 35 |
| **Protection of Persons and Property:** | |
| Police Department | $134,151 20 |
| Fire Dept., including Forest Fires | 50,407 35 |
| Moth Extermination — Blister Rust and Care of Trees | 1,756 00 |
| Planning & Zoning | 28,735 79 |
| Damage by dogs | 2,472 46 |
| Insurance | 34,605 25 |
| Civil Defense | 1,180 07 |
| Conservation Commission | 1,372 98 |
| **Health:** | |
| Health Department, including Hospitals & Ambulance | 10,590 38 |
| Vital Statistics | 78 00 |
| Town Dumps & Garbage Removal | 3,752 63 |
| **Highways and Bridges:** | |
| Town Road Aid | 2,111 98 |
| Town Maintenance | 260,883 70 |
| Street Lighting | 4,833 98 |
| General Expenses of Highway Dept. | 27,373 33 |
| **Libraries:** | |
| Libraries | 38,115 00 |
| **Public Welfare:** | |
| Old Age Assistance | 6,602 41 |
| Town Poor | 6,895 80 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Patriotic Purposes:** | | |
| Memorial Day, Veteran's Associations and Old Home Day | 2,755 10 | |
| **Recreation:** | | |
| Parks & Playgrounds, including Band Concerts | 33,311 03 | |
| **Public Service Enterprises:** | | |
| Municipal Water & Electric Depts. | 1,875 00 | |
| Cemeteries, including hearse hire | 8,214 65 | |
| **Unclassified:** | | |
| Damages & Legal Expenses | 10,499 99 | |
| Taxes bought by Town | 105,518 58 | |
| Discounts, Abatements & Refunds | 11,386 71 | |
| Employees' Retirement & Social Security | 15,718 05 | |
| All Other Current Maintenance Expenses | 118,649 19 | |
| Total Current Maintenance Expenses | | $ 990,990 25 |
| **Debt Service:** | | |
| **Interest on Debt:** | | |
| Paid on Tax Anticipation Notes | 14,819 63 | |
| Total Interest Payments | | 14,819 63 |
| **Principal of Debt:** | | |
| Payments on Tax Anticipation Notes | 800,000 00 | |
| Payments on Long Term Notes | 11,297 37 | |
| Total Principal Payments | | 811,297 37 |
| **Capital Outlay:** | | |
| Payments to Capital Reserve Funds | 3,000 00 | |
| Tax Maps | 1,735 80 | |
| Total Outlay Payments | | 4,735 80 |
| **Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:** | | |
| Payments to State a-c 2% Bond and Debt Retirement Taxes | 48 81 | |
| Taxes Paid to County | 163,161 45 | |
| Payments to Precincts | 3,043 03 | |
| Payments to School Districts (1975 Tax $1,489,902.02) (1976 Tax $866,011.00) | 2,355,913 02 | |
| Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 1976 | | 1,464,735 05 |
| Grand Total | | $5,808,744 41 |

# *Schedule of Town Property*

| Date Acquired | Property and Map No. | Size | Value |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1824 | Town Hall & Land, 18-43 | | $180,000 |
| | Equipment | | 30,000 |
| 1890 | Library & Land, 17-7 | | 179,500 |
| | Equipment | | 47,000 |
| | Police Equipment | | 25,000 |
| 1872 | Village Fire Station | | 89,300 |
| | Equipment | | 148,200 |
| 1917 | Highway Dept. Land & Bldg. | | 23,200 |
| | Equipment | | 121,000 |
| | Parks, Commons & Playgrounds | | 5,000 |
| 1953 | Brick School, 17-82 | | 155,000 |
| | Equipment | | 2,000 |
| | Annex | | 29,800 |
| 1973 | Cemetery Tool House | | 5,300 |
| | Equipment | | 6,000 |
| | Rescue Equipment | | 35,000 |
| 1971 | Baboosic Lake Land & Bldg., 24-13 | | 50,000 |
| | Equipment | | 3,000 |
| | Town Dump | | 2,120 |
| 1932 | Baboosic Dump, 6-86 | | 1,990 |
| 1974 | Souhegan Land Fill, 8-9 | | 85,000 |
| 1975 | South Amherst Fire Station, 2-127/1 | | 55,500 |
| 1904 | Land for Village Courts | | |
| | **Conservation Land:** | | |
| 1969 | Sherburne Land, 2-145/3 | 10A | 1,000 |
| 1970 | Joe English Brook, 10/2 | 77A | 30,000 |
| 1974 | 20 Associates Land, 9-2 | 117A | 40,000 |
| 1968 | Odell Meadow, 5-152 | 47A | 1,400 |
| 1970 | Boissonault Land, 10-22/1 | 23A | 8,500 |
| 1971 | Plumb Land, 10-40/1 | 47A | 4,300 |
| 1970 | Erickson Land, 10-3 | 8A | 1,440 |
| 1970 | Bartlett Land, 4-55 | 2A | 800 |
| 1974 | Wilkins Land, 5-147 | 5.5A | 200 |
| 1975 | The Meadows Conservation Land, 6-115 | 6A | 3,500 |
| 1976 | Ross Land, 6-112 | | 600 |
| 1976 | Thibodeau Land, 2-163 | 1A | 3,000 |

**Tax Deeds:**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1970 | Brown Lot | 1A | 500 |
| 1959 | Goodwin Bldg. | | 100 |
| 1938 | Chandler Lot, 6/38 | 3A | 100 |
| 1938 | Melendy Lot, 4-16/1 | 2A | 100 |
| 1965 | White Lot, 4-16 | 1A | 1,090 |
| 1957 | Gelinas Land, 11-17 | 16A | 960 |
| 1907 | Broadway Lot, 24-11 | .04A | 2,330 |
| 1958 | Brooks Land, 24-19 | .14A | 1,780 |
| 1969 | Glover Land, 1-30 | 30A | 1,520 |
| 1973 | Jones Lot, 2-26 | 1A | 200 |
| 1971 | Nash Land, 24-77 & 61 | | 150 |
| 1974 | Yankee Homes Land, 5-82 | 5A | 500 |
| 1974 | Yankee Homes Land, 5-170 | 3A | 150 |
| 1974 | Yankee Homes Land, 5-169 | 3A | 100 |
| 1976 | Essex Lot, 5-65/1 | 2A | 100 |
| 1976 | Sylvester Lot, 8-77/10 | 17.5A | 15,600 |
| 1976 | Currier Land, 2-115 | 6A | 600 |
| 1976 | Currier Land, 4/34/23 | 14A | 1,200 |

# *Report of Town Clerk*

**For the Year Ending December 31, 1976**

### Vehicle Registrations

| | |
|---|---|
| Auto Permits (1975) | $ 3,118 27 |
| Auto Permits (1976) | 157,572 50 |
| Paid Treasurer | $160,690 77 |

### Dog Account

| | |
|---|---|
| 7 Kennel Licenses | |
| 31 Part Year Licenses | |
| 1207 1976 Licenses | |
| 1245 Total | $ 2,908 00 |
| Paid Clerk | 247 40 |
| Paid Treasurer | $ 2,660 60 |

### Notice to Owners and Keepers of Dogs

Every owner or keeper of a dog shall annually on or before the 30th day of April, cause it to be registered, numbered, described and licensed for one year from the first day of May, in the office of the Town Clerk wherein said dog is kept and shall cause it to wear around its neck a collar distinctly marked with a registered number.

All dogs must be vaccinated against rabies in the state's attempt to prevent the spread of this killing disease.

Male or spayed dogs, $2.00; female dogs, $5.00; $1.00 penalty if not paid before June 1st.

An untagged dog is a stray dog and may be picked up by the dog officer and taken to the Town pound.

Report all lost or found dogs to the Police Department.

A fine of $100.00 shall be levied on dog owners or keepers answering falsely or refusing to answer. (RSA 466:43)

Respectfully submitted,
BERNICE G. BOOTHROYD, Town Clerk
December 31, 1976

# *Report of Tax Collector*

## SUMMARY OF WARRANT

### 1976 Property, Yield and Bank Stock Taxes

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Committed to Collector: | | |
| Property | $3,024,198 81 | |
| Bank Stock | 300 42 | |
| Land Use Recovery | 2,685 50 | |
| Yield | 292 86 | |
| | | $3,027,477 59 |
| Added Taxes | $ 5,805 00 | |
| Overpayments | 460 60 | |
| Cash Over | 410 00 | |
| | | $ 6,675 60 |
| | | $3,034,153 19 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Remitted to Treasurer: | | |
| 1976 Property | $2,518,536 41 | |
| Bank Stock | 300 42 | |
| Recovery | 2,685 50 | |
| Yield | 292 86 | |
| | | $2,521,815 19 |
| Abated | | 13,052 95 |
| Uncollected | | 499,295 05 |
| | | $3,034,153 19 |

## SUMMARY OF WARRANT

### 1976 Resident Taxes

| | |
|---|---|
| Committed to Collector | $ 44,820 00 |
| Added Taxes | 1,150 00 |
| Double Payments | 20 00 |
| Total | $ 45,990 00 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Remitted to Treasurer | $ | 38,000 00 |
| Abated per list | | 3,040 00 |
| Uncollected per list | | 4,950 00 |
| Total | $ | 45,990 00 |

## SUMMARY OF WARRANT
### 1975 Property

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Uncollected 1-1-76 | $ | 493,740 24 |
| Cash on hand | | 1,196 91 |
| Added: | | |
| Reeves | | 260 55 |
| Thibodeau | | 152 89 |
| Land Use Recovery | | 150 00 |
| Interest Collected | | 14,833 39 |
| Total | $ | 510,333 98 |
| Remitted to Treasurer | $ | 491,684 25 |
| Land Use | | 150 00 |
| Interest | | 14,833 39 |
| Abated per list | | 3,666 34 |
| Total | $ | 510,333 98 |

## SUMMARY OF WARRANT
### 1975 Resident Tax

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Uncollected 1-1-76 | $ | 8,170 00 |
| Added 1976 | | 710 00 |
| | $ | 8,880 00 |
| Penalties Collected | | 576 00 |
| Total | $ | 9,456 00 |
| Remitted | $ | 6,480 00 |
| Abated | | 2,140 00 |
| Uncollected per list | | 260 00 |
| Penalties | | 576 00 |
| Total | $ | 9,456 00 |

**Uncollected:**

| | |
|---|---|
| Blakley, Peter | Keefe, John |
| Browning, Geoffrey | Keefe, Ann |
| Carpenter, Susan | Keefe, John Jr. |
| Carter, James | Keefe, Wm. |
| Currier, Cris | Laing, Candice |
| Currier, David | Lathrop, Jean |
| Currier, Susan | Lathrop, Susan |
| Grant, Donald | Lathrop, Kathleen |
| Grant, Kathleen | Peck, Rand |
| Hiller, Pam | Sadler, George |
| Hiller, Roland | Sadler, L. |
| Holt, Elizabeth | Terrian, Joan |
| Holt, Lynn | Van Dine, Karen |

## SUMMARY OF WARRANT
### 1974 Resident Taxes

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Uncollected 1-1-76 | $ | 290 00 |
| Remitted to Treasurer | $ | 60 00 |
| Abated per list | | 220 00 |
| Uncollected | | |
| Carolyn Anderson | | 10 00 |
| | $ | 290 00 |

## SUMMARY OF WARRANT — 1974

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Uncollected 1-1-76 | | |
| Yield | $ 9 01 | |
| Property | 322 64 | |
| | $ | 331 65 |
| Remitted to Treasurer | | |
| Yield | $ 9 01 | |
| Property | 68 01 | |
| | $ | 77 02 |
| Abated during 1976 | | 254 63 |
| | $ | 331 65 |

## REPORT OF TAX SALE AND UNREDEEMED TAXES

### 1976

| | Tax Accounts of | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | 1975 | 1974 | Prior |
| Taxes sold town 6-15-76 | $104,018.25 | $ | $ |
| Taxes sold town 9-30-76 | 1,500.33 | | |
| Unredeemed taxes 1-1-76 | | 66,024.65 | 6,966.59 |
| Added 1976 | | 314.71 | |
| Interest | 2,126.07 | 5,647.47 | 887.41 |
| Totals | $107,644.65 | $71,986.83 | $7,854.00 |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Remitted to treasurer | $ 67,274.08 | $52,197.67 | $5,753.97 |
| Added tax remitted | | 314.71 | |
| Deeded to town | 643.88 | 616.60 | 316.28 |
| Abated | 3,742.51 | 824.68 | 585.67 |
| Interest | 2,126.07 | 5,647.47 | 887.41 |
| Unredeemed 12-31-76 | 33,858.11 | 12,385.70 | 310.67 |
| Totals | $107,644.65 | $71,986.83 | $7,854.00 |

## UNREDEEMED TAXES

| | 1975 | Levy of 1974 | Prior |
|---|---|---|---|
| Eugene Adams | | | |
| 2-72/13 | $ 702.30 | $ 677.15 | $ |
| 2-72/10 | 965.90 | 931.49 | |
| Amherst Heights | | | |
| 1-29 | 231.41 | 223.19 | |
| 1-29/6 | 344.09 | 26.47 | |
| 1-29/3 | 229.39 | 221.46 | |
| 1-29/4 | 437.66 | 422.23 | |
| Anderson, Larry 2-154 | 566.46 | | |
| Associate Ind. | | | |
| 2-40 | 2,631.12 | 536.63 | |
| 2-42 | 763.68 | 739.43 | |
| Leonard Boissonault | 34.29 | | |
| Boston & Maine RTW | 241.76 | | |
| Janette Clouthier 6-65 | 95.57 | 92.24 | |
| Dorothy Cullinan 25-33 | 222.36 | | |
| Currier, Robert | | | 64.01 |
| Marcel Demers | | | |
| 8-115/1 | 158.96 | | |
| 8-115 | 386.36 | 518.27 | |
| 8-114 | 555.38 | 540.38 | |
| Arnold Dibble 6-68/15 | 10.99 | | |
| Manuel Enos 13-06 | 30.04 | | |
| Irene Forsyth 1-26 | 115.54 | | |
| Donald Grant 5-154 | 820.02 | 790.64 | |
| George Howard 7-92 | 185.00 | | |
| James Rockwell 3-84 | 445.72 | | |
| Paul Hutchinson 3-84/1 | 6.02 | | |
| Angelina Kopka 12-13 | 533.31 | | |
| LaPierre & Jenny 2-55/1 | 3,120.17 | | |
| LaPierre & Lenny 2-49 | 1,198.33 | | |
| Sandra LaForest 2-72/33 | 385.40 | | |
| H. Donald Logan | | | |
| 4-14/13 | 946.57 | | |
| Joseph Luongo | | | |
| 5-45 | 2,032.38 | | |
| 5-46 | 373.33 | | |
| 5-47 | 21.11 | | |
| 6-48 | 253.53 | | |

Luongo Development

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 8-77/29 | 29.29 | |
| 8-77/30 | 27.14 | |
| 8-77/34 | 66.39 | |
| 8-77/37 | 229.39 | |
| 8-77/38 | 60.35 | |
| 8-77/51 | | 58.49 |
| 8-77/52 | 60.35 | |
| 8-77/53 | 253.54 | |
| 8-77/54 | 72.42 | |
| 8-77/55 | 72.42 | |
| 8-77/56 | 72.42 | |
| 8-77/57 | 72.42 | |
| 8-77/58 | 72.42 | |
| 8-77/59 | 69.41 | 67.22 |
| 8-77/60 | 72.42 | |
| 8-77/61 | 72.42 | |
| 8-77/62 | 72.42 | |
| 8-77/65 | 72.42 | |
| 8-77/66 | 72.42 | |
| 8-77/67 | 72.42 | |
| 8-77/68 | 72.42 | |
| 8-77/69 | 72.42 | |
| 8-77/70 | 72.42 | |
| 8-77/71 | 72.42 | |
| 8-77/72 | 72.42 | |
| 8-77/73 | 72.42 | |
| 8-77/74 | 72.42 | |
| 8-77/75 | 72.42 | |
| 8-77/80 | 273.05 | |
| 8-77/81 | 229.39 | |
| 8-77/83 | 229.39 | |
| 8-77/99 | 229.39 | |
| 8-77/100 | 72.42 | 70.13 |
| 8-77/101 | 72.42 | 70.13 |
| 8-77/102 | 72.42 | 70.13 |
| 8-77/103 | 72.42 | 70.13 |
| 8-77/104 | 69.41 | 67.22 |
| 8-77/105 | 60.35 | 58.49 |
| 8-77/111 | 229.39 | 221.45 |
| 8-77/112 | 229.39 | 221.45 |
| 8-77/113 | 229.39 | 221.45 |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Robert Lynch 24-54 | 328.05 | 260.31 | |
| Caroline Malo 11-7/2 | | 377.42 | |
| Pauline Mailloux | | | 135.44 |
| 25-20 | | | 34.17 |
| Donald Mallinson 4-42 | 958.14 | | |
| Robert McLaughlin 3-95 | 35.25 | | 77.05 |
| Leonard Newell 24-15 | 474.40 | | |
| Donald Ohland | | | |
| 21-12 | 994.55 | | |
| 21-12/1 | 169.02 | | |
| Doris Patient 6-63/3 | 219.39 | | |
| Properties Inc. 12-12 | 1,073.62 | | |
| William Riehl | 1,094.31 | | |
| Evelyn Ruiter Estate | 1,079.61 | | |
| Sylvester Inc. | | | |
| 8-80/2 | 202.22 | | |
| 8-80/5 | 199.20 | 192.35 | |
| Gerald Tabor | 30.77 | | |
| Donald Torres | 367.29 | 354.14 | |
| Elizabeth Trembley | 661.79 | 589.85 | |
| Anthony Vaitkunas | | | |
| 8-90 | | 482.18 | |
| Warren Development | | | |
| 6-108/2 | 201.22 | 189.44 | |
| 6-108/3 | 196.18 | 189.44 | |
| 6-108/30 | 135.81 | 131.24 | |
| 6-108/31 | 166.00 | 160.34 | |
| 6-108/32 | 181.09 | 174.89 | |
| 6-108/33 | 184.11 | 177.80 | |
| 8-44/3 | 220.34 | 212.71 | |
| Sam & Olive Weisman | | | |
| 12-14 | 1,450.93 | 1,398.82 | |
| Wells Realty | | | |
| 4-34/25 | | 14.85 | |
| 4-34/24 | | 20.66 | |
| Mark Scott | | 543.29 | |
| | $33,858.11 | $12,385.70 | $ 310.67 |

# *Report of Town Treasurer*

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|---|---|---|
| Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1976 | | $ 73,951 77 |
| Barbara Landry, Tax Collector: | | |
| Resident & Property Taxes | $3,102,523 97 | |
| Tax Redemptions | 104,018 26 | |
| Land Use Recovery | 1,612 00 | |
| | | 3,208,154 23 |
| Bernice Boothroyd, Town Clerk: | | |
| Auto Registrations | $160,690 77 | |
| Dog Licenses | 2,660 60 | |
| | | 163,351 37 |
| Credit Elections & Registrations: | | |
| Candidates' Fees | $ 26 00 | |
| School District, credit elections | 194 01 | |
| Sale of Sets of Checklists | 80 00 | |
| | | 300 01 |
| Town Buildings: | | |
| Brick School Rentals | | 1,650 00 |
| Trustees of the Trust Funds: | | |
| Credit Tennis Courts | $1,086 35 | |
| Gifts: | | |
| Janice Shethar | 50 00 | |
| Neil Mangold | 100 00 | |
| Mary Quinn | 50 00 | |
| | | 1,286 35 |
| Trustees of the Cemetery: | | |
| Sale of Lots, Burials and Annual Care | $1,065 00 | |
| From the Trust Fund | | |
| due 12-75 | 1,550 00 | |
| due 12-76 | 4,117 00 | |
| | | 6,732 00 |
| Robert Barton, Zoning Administrator: | | |
| Zoning Fees | $34,691 33 | |
| Test Pit Fees | 175 00 | |
| Planning Board Fees | 1,146 00 | |
| Zoning Books | 135 50 | |
| Driveway Permits | 672 50 | |

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|---|---|---|
| Board of Adjustment Fees | 150 00 | |
| Earth Removal Permits | 50 00 | |
| Jewett Insurance | 64 95 | |
| | | 37,085 28 |
| Amherst Highway Department: | | |
| Winter Maintenance | $ 35 00 | |
| Summer Maintenance: | | |
| Fiske Highway | 164 05 | |
| Driveway Permits | 1,350 00 | |
| Credit Mont Vernon | 140 00 | |
| Amherst School District | 4,101 74 | |
| Road Improvements | 1,443 00 | |
| Oiling | 900 00 | |
| Culvert Repair | 158 00 | |
| Baboosic – Sand | 522 00 | |
| General Expense: | | |
| Sale of Truck | 1,001 00 | |
| State of N.H., Gas Tax Refund | 713 35 | |
| Credit 101 Realty – Road Signs | 55 85 | |
| State of N.H. – Human Development Grant | 8,531 60 | |
| | | 19,115 59 |
| Permits and Licenses: | | |
| Commercial Dump Permit | $12 50 | |
| Junk Licenses | 75 00 | |
| Blasting Permits | 4 00 | |
| | | 91 50 |
| Fire Department: | | |
| Jewett Insurance | | 431 10 |
| Fourth of July Committee: | | |
| Booth Fees | $90 00 | |
| Commercial Food Permit | 25 00 | |
| | | 115 00 |

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|---|---|---|
| Amherst Police Department: | | |
| Accident & Theft Reports | $ 263 00 | |
| Bicycle Registrations | 602 50 | |
| Dog Fines, Milford Court | 15 00 | |
| Special Duty | 5,904 44 | |
| Pistol Permits | 170 00 | |
| Insurance Refunds | 1,142 47 | |
| Sale of Cruiser | 555 00 | |
| Sale of Guns | 210 00 | |
| Comerford Decals | 1 41 | |
| State of N.H., Gas Tax Refund | 513 26 | |
| State of N.H., Salary Reimb. | 300 00 | |
| State of N.H., Cadet Grant | 787 00 | |
| State of N.H., Increased Police Services: | | |
| 1st Grant | 7,157 40 | |
| 2nd Grant | 1,139 12 | |
| State of N.H., Hgwy. Safety — Radar | 2,209 00 | |
| State of N.H., Highway | 280 00 | |
| | | 21,249 60 |

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| Amherst Recreation Commission: | | |
| Tennis Registrations & Fees | $2,014 50 | |
| Baseball Registrations | 278 00 | |
| Softball Registrations | 96 00 | |
| Basketball Registrations | 161 00 | |
| Girls' Basketball, Tournament Fees | 17 00 | |
| Golf Registrations | 135 00 | |
| Soccer Registrations | 172 00 | |
| State of N.H., Grant for Tennis Court | 6,150 00 | |
| State of N.H., Human Development Grant | 6,027 70 | |
| Unencumbered Gifts | 23 00 | |
| | | 15,074 20 |

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|---|---|---|
| Baboosic Lake Park: | | |
| Memberships | $1,597 00 | |
| Rentals | 500 00 | |
| Concession Receipts | 1,226 71 | |
| Dance Receipts | 107 50 | |
| Steak Cookout | 452 90 | |
| Games & Music Machines | 1,103 20 | |
| Dock Dance Receipts — Tran. to Savings | 163 75 | |
| Swimming Registrations | 1,839 75 | |
| Swimming Lessons | 450 00 | |
| Pavilion Auction | 384 50 | |
| Sanitas Overpayment — Credit Baboosic | 12 00 | |
| | | 7,837 31 |
| Town Hall & Office Expense: | | |
| Copying | $203 25 | |
| N.H. Municipal Association | 10 00 | |
| Tax List Copy | 10 00 | |
| Tax Bill Duplicates | 69 00 | |
| Maps | 198 50 | |
| Zoning Books | 98 50 | |
| Additional Key | 2 00 | |
| Postage | 29 | |
| | | 591 54 |
| Bicentennial Committee: | | |
| Sale of Patches | $ 428 05 | |
| Sale of Stationery | 136 00 | |
| Sale of Hats | 41 00 | |
| Sale of Books | 769 50 | |
| Sale of Coins | 1,837 75 | |
| Chances on Paperweight | 66 50 | |
| State of N.H., Bicentennial Grant | 1,000 00 | |
| | | 4,278 80 |
| Insurance: | | |
| Premiums | $ 537 30 | |
| Refunds | 1,788 32 | |
| | | 2,325 62 |

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|---|---|---|
| Beverage Permits, to Town | | 80 00 |
| Conservation Commission | | 60 00 |
| Rescue Squad, Payment for Services to Mont Vernon | | 1,425 00 |
| State of N.H., Credit Civil Preparedness | | 374 43 |
| Souhegan Sanitary Landfill | | 4,000 00 |
| State of N.H., Human Development Grant | | 1,834 53 |
| Town Poor Recovery | | 535 30 |
| State of New Hampshire: | | |
| Gas Subsidy | $36,036 77 | |
| Business Profits Tax | 23,081 76 | |
| Interest & Dividends Tax | 70,096 53 | |
| Rooms & Meals Tax | 50,680 66 | |
| Bank Stock | 8,447 10 | |
| Old Age Recovery | 416 64 | |
| | ———— | 188,759 46 |
| | | $3,686,738 22 |

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|---|---|
| Cash on Hand Jan. 1, 1976 | 73,951 77 |
| Revenue to the General Fund | 3,686,738 22 |
| Tax Anticipation Notes | 800,000 00 |
| Certificates of Deposits to General Fund | 1,061,297 37 |
| Excess Town Funds Savings to General Fund | 606,458 93 |
| Conservation Commission Savings to General Fund | 238 81 |
| Fire Station Savings Account to General Fund | 20,298 00 |
| Baboosic Lake Park Savings to General Fund | 1,735 33 |
| Police Savings to General Fund | 1,000 00 |
| Revenue Sharing Savings to General Fund | 37,555 78 |
| Bon Terrain Savings Account to General Fund | 4,008 58 |
| Ginrik Savings Account to General Fund | 2,196 35 |
| | $6,295,479 14 |

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|---|---|
| General Funds transferred to Savings, per order Selectmen 12-31-76 | –1,235,000 00 |
| | $5,060,479 14 |
| Payment of Tax Anticipation Notes | –800,000 00 |
| plus Interest per order Selectmen 12-15-76 | –12,786 10 |
| | $4,247,693 04 |
| Selectmen's Orders Paid | 4,069,514 84 |
| Balance in General Fund 12-31-76 | $ 178,178 20 |
| Balance in Bank 12-31-76 | $ 43,557 70 |
| Deposits not credited | 520,648 40 |
| | $ 564,206 10 |
| Outstanding Checks | 36,237 91 |
| | $ 527,974 19 |
| Transferred to Savings, not credited | 350,000 00 |
| | $ 177,974 19 |
| Adjustment not credited | 204 01 |
| | $ 178,178 20 |

**Investments in Certificate of Deposit – 1976**

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|---|---|
| C.D.'s invested Jan. 1, 1976 | $1,087,236 43 |
| Interest earned 1976 | 18,556 86 |
| | $1,105,793 29 |
| Transferred to General Funds | $1,061,297 37 |
| Interest transferred to Savings | 16,497 57 |
| C.D. No. 955, Conservation Land Trust, transferred to Special Savings | 7,031 52 |
| C.D. No. 951, Landfill Account | 20,966 83 |
| | $1,105,793 29 |

## 1976 Investments in Certificates of Deposit

| C.D. # | Amount | Interest | To Gen. Fund | To Savings |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 916 | $300,000.00 | $1,420.86 | $300,000.00 | $1,420.86 |
| 917 | 200,000.00 | 3,931.27 | 200,000.00 | 3,931.27 |
| 918 | 200,000.00 | 3,062.50 | 200,000.00 | 3,062.50 |
| 919 | 250,000.00 | 5,401.04 | 250,000.00 | 5,401.04 |
| 925 | 100,000.00 | 2,681.90 | 100,000.00 | 2,681.90 |
| 955* | 6,654.25 | 377.27 | | |
| 951† | 30,582.18 | 1,682.02 | 11,297.37 | |
| | $1,087,236.43 | $18,556.86 | $1,061,297.37 | $16,497.57 |

*$ 7,031.52 to Special Savings
†$20,966.83 to C.D.

## 1976 Investments in Escrow and Savings Accounts

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Bon Terrain Escrow | | |
| Balance 1-1-76 | $3,829 27 | |
| Interest | 179 31 | |
| Transferred to Gen. Fund | 4,008 58 | |
| Balance | $4,008 58 | |
| Lorden Lumber Escrow | | |
| Opening Balance 11-17-76 | $75 00 | |
| Interest | 43 | |
| Balance 12-31-76 | | 75 43 |
| Peter Koster Escrow | | |
| Opening Balance 11-19-76 | $240 00 | |
| Interest | 1 30 | |
| Balance 12-31-76 | | 241 30 |

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|---|---|---|
| Baboosic Lake Park Savings | | |
| Balance 1-1-76 | $ 506 18 | |
| Deposits | 1,992 55 | |
| | $2,498 73 | |
| Withdrawals | 1,735 33 | |
| | $ 763 40 | |
| Interest | 51 75 | |
| Balance 12-31-76 | | 815 15 |
| New Fire Station Savings | | |
| Balance 1-1-76 | $20,553 97 | |
| Interest | 431 23 | |
| | $20,985 20 | |
| Transferred to Gen. Funds | 20,298 00 | |
| | $ 687 20 | |
| Transferred to Excess Town Funds Savings | 687 20 | |
| Balance | | -- |
| Amherst Conservation Commission Savings | | |
| Balance 1-1-76 | $4,517 69 | |
| Gifts: | | |
| Amherst Gardeners | 200 00 | |
| Amherst Survey Assoc. | 150 00 | |
| | $4,867 69 | |
| Withdrawals | 837 75 | |
| | $4,029 94 | |
| Interest | 222 93 | |
| Balance 12-31-76 | | 4,252 87 |

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|---|---|---|
| Amherst Police Savings | | |
| Opening Balance – Gift | 1,000 00 | |
| Gifts | 125 00 | |
| | $1,125 00 | |
| Withdrawals | 1,000 00 | |
| | $ 125 00 | |
| Interest | 14 30 | |
| Balance 12-31-76 | | 139 30 |
| Conservation Land Trust | | |
| Opening Balance 12-31-76, Transfer from DC No. 955 | | 7,031 52 |
| Excess Town Funds Savings | | |
| Balance 1-1-76 | $ 50,095 98 | |
| Deposits | 552,184 77 | |
| | $602,280 75 | |
| Withdrawals | 572,309 00 | |
| | $ 29,971 75 | |
| Interest | 4,178 18 | |
| Balance 12-7-76 | 34,149 93 | |
| Transferred to Gen. Fund | $ 34,149 93 | |
| | | — |
| Excess Town Funds Savings | | |
| Opening Balance 12-30-76 | $550,000 00 | |
| Deposit | 685,000 00 | |
| | $1,235,000 00 | |
| Interest | 196 05 | |
| Balance 12-31-76 | | 1,235,196 05 |
| Total Investments in Escrow & Savings | | $1,247,751 62 |

# *Federal Revenue Sharing Entitlements*

| | |
|---|---|
| Unexpended Balance 12/31/75 | $ 4,693 42 |
| Unappropriated Funds 12/31/75 | 9,083 96 |
| Balance 12/31/75 | $13,777 38 |

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|---|---|---|
| 1976 Entitlements | | |
| Received 1/6/76 | $ 8,218 00 | |
| Received 4/5/76 | 8,218 00 | |
| Received 7/14/76 | 8,219 00 | |
| Received 10/5/76 | 12,097 00 | |
| | | 36,752 00 |
| Interest Earned | | 1,243 44 |
| Total Available | | $51,772 82 |

| | Unexpend. Bal. | Approp. | Expend. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Article 17 | | | |
| Chipper | 434 00 | | |
| Article 18 | | | |
| Cruiser | 4,259 42 | | 4,259 42 |
| Article 10 | | | |
| Budget | | 20,175 00 | 20,175 00 |
| Article 11 | | | |
| Books | | 1,500 00 | 1,500 00 |
| Article 12 | | | |
| Hgw. Truck | | 8,000 00 | 8,000 00 |
| Article 13 | | | |
| Cruiser | | 4,500 00 | |
| | $4,693 42 | $34,175 00 | $33,934 42 |

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|---|---|
| Total Expended | 33,934 42 |
| Unexpended Balances | 4,934 00 |
| Unappropriated Funds | 12,904 40 |
| Total | $51,772 82 |

## 1976 Revenue Sharing Savings Account

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Balance 1-1-76 | $ | 17,398 74 |
| Entitlement – 4-8-76 | | 8,218 00 |
| Entitlement – 7-14-76 | | 8,219 00 |
| Entitlement – 10-5-76 | | 12,097 00 |
| | $ | 45,932 74 |
| Interest | | 1,243 44 |
| | $ | 47,176 18 |
| Transferred to General Funds | | 29,337 78 |
| Balance 12-31-76 | $ | 17,838 40 |

## Schedule A

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|---|---|
| Cash in the hands of the Treasurer on Deposit in the General Fund 1-1-77 | $ 178,178 20 |
| CD No. 951 – Landfill Account | 20,966 83 |
| Excess Town Funds in Savings | 1,235,196 05 |
| Baboosic Lake Park Savings | 815 15 |
| Conservation Commission Savings | 4,252 87 |
| Conservation Commission – Land Trust Savings | 7,031 52 |
| Amherst Police Department Savings | 139 30 |
| Revenue Sharing Savings | 17,838 40 |
| Lorden Lumber Escrow | 75 43 |
| Peter Koster Escrow | 241 30 |
| | $1,464,735 05 |

# *Detailed Statement of Payments*

*Town Officers' Salaries*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Gross Appropriation | $13,100 00 | |
| Accounts payable | 25 00 | |
| | $13,125 00 | |
| Expended: | | |
| Auditors | | $ 400 00 |
| Trustee of Funds | | 250 00 |
| Treasurer | | 1,500 00 |
| Tax Collector | | 4,500 00 |
| Town Clerk | | 750 00 |
| Selectmen, Chairman | | 1,500 00 |
| Selectmen | | 4,400 00 |
| Accounts payable, E. C. Masten | | 25 00 |
| Total Expended | | $ 13,325 00 |

*Town Office Expense*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Gross Appropriation | | $36,344 00 | |
| Income to Dept. | $528 15 | | |
| Permits & Lic. | 105 00 | | |
| | | 633 15 | |
| | | $36,977 15 | |
| Expended: | | | |
| Office Supplies | | | $ 2,457 39 |
| Equipment Repairs | | | 264 28 |
| Telephone | | | 2,314 34 |
| Advertising | | | 820 25 |
| Fees | | | 693 33 |
| Dues | | | 1,036 23 |
| Appraisal | | | 2,310 64 |
| C.P.D. | | | 1,500 00 |
| Meeting Expense | | | 306 91 |
| New Equipment | | | 2,148 40 |
| Town Reports | | | 4,463 74 |
| Printing | | | 307 60 |
| Records | | | 312 00 |
| Mileage | | | 751 20 |
| Equipment Rental | | | 1,371 93 |

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|---|---|---|
| R.S.A. | | 10 00 |
| Postage | | 1,522 85 |
| Miscellaneous | | 557 80 |
| Secretary | | 6,607 78 |
| Clerical | | 7,096 14 |
| Town Clerk | | 500 00 |
| Total Expended | | $ 35,352 81 |
| Accounts Payable | | 2,200 00 |
| | | $ 37,552 81 |

*Election Expenses*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Gross Appropriation | $3,000 00 | |
| Income | 274 01 | |
| | $3,274 01 | |
| Expended: | | |
| Supplies | | $ 91 71 |
| Advertising | | 102 00 |
| Booths | | 827 86 |
| Printing | | 294 00 |
| Moderator | | 137 50 |
| Supervisor | | 314 88 |
| Miscellaneous | | 13 11 |
| Ballot Clerk | | 2,006 25 |
| Postage | | 87 17 |
| Total Expended | | $ 3,874 48 |
| Accounts Payable | | 822 00 |
| | | $ 4,696 48 |

*Legal*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Gross Appropriation | $6,000 00 | |
| Expended: | | |
| Legal Fees | | $ 8,999 99 |
| Retainer | | 1,250 00 |
| Witness Fees | | 250 00 |
| Total Expended | | $ 10,499 99 |

*Mapping*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Gross Appropriation | | $2,000 00 | |
| Income | | 198 50 | |
| | | $2,198 50 | |
| Expended: | | | |
| James Sewell | | | $ 1,608 30 |
| Herns Bros. | | | 127 50 |
| Total Expended | | | $ 1,735 80 |

*Street Lighting*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Gross Appropriation | | $5,800 00 | |
| Expended: | | | |
| Public Service | | | $ 4,833 98 |

*Memorial Day*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Gross Appropriation | | $ 600 00 | |
| Expended: | | | |
| Bands | | | $ 500 00 |
| Notice | | | 4 83 |
| Flowers | | | 48 05 |
| Total Expended | | | $ 552 88 |

*Fourth of July*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Gross Appropriation | | $2,365 00 | |
| Estimated Income | $165 00 | | |
| Actual Income | 115 00 | | |
| | −50 00 | | |
| | | $2,315 00 | |
| Available | | | |
| Expended: | | | $ 2,202 22 |

*Brick School*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Gross Appropriation | | $6,094 00 | |
| Inc. Est. Income | $1,390 00 | | |
| Actual Income | 1,650 00 | | |
| | +260 00 | | |
| | | $6,354 00 | |

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|---|---|---|---|
| Expended: | | | |
| Janitor | | | $ 1,794 00 |
| Fuel | | | 1,153 78 |
| Electricity | | | 566 64 |
| Water | | | 30 00 |
| Maint. Supplies | | | 82 41 |
| Repairs | | | 395 05 |
| Rubbish | | | 203 50 |
| Miscellaneous | | | 30 00 |
| Total Expended | | | $ 4,255 38 |

*Town Hall*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Gross Appropriation | | $9,259 00 | |
| Income | $ 20 12 | | |
| From Contingency | 1,157 34 | | |
| | 1,177 46 | | |
| | | | $ 10,436 46 |
| Expended: | | | |
| Janitor | | | $ 1,794 00 |
| Extra Janitor | | | 45 00 |
| Electricity | | | 1,600 89 |
| Fuel | | | 1,278 02 |
| Water | | | 30 00 |
| Maint. Supplies | | | 522 41 |
| Rubbish | | | 110 00 |
| Clock | | | 90 00 |
| Bldg. Repairs | | | 812 79 |
| Xmas Tree | | | 46 60 |
| Parking Area | | | 396 00 |
| Miscellaneous | | | 87 92 |
| Renovations | | | 3,522 34 |
| Total Expended | | | $ 10,335 97 |

*Dog Control*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Gross Appropriation | | $3,375 00 | |
| Est. Income | $2,800 00 | | |
| Actual Income | 2,675 60 | | |
| | | –124 40 | |
| | | | $3,250 60 |

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|---|---|---|
| Expended: | | |
| Dog Care | | $ 1,151 00 |
| Tags | | 136 46 |
| Advertising | | 30 00 |
| Printing | | 115 00 |
| Mileage | | 240 00 |
| Dog Warden | | 800 00 |
| Total Expended | | $ 2,472 46 |

*Tree Committee*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | $3,000 00 | |
| Accounts Payable | 150 00 | |
| | $3,150 00 | |
| Expended: | | |
| Spraying | | $ 85 00 |
| Planting | | 501 00 |
| Tree Care | | 600 00 |
| Tree Removal | | 420 00 |
| Acct. Payable | | 150 00 |
| | | $ 1,756 00 |
| Acct. Payable | | 400 00 |
| Total Expended | | $ 2,156 00 |

*Conservation Commission*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated | $1,500 00 | |
| Income | 98 81 | |
| | $1,598 81 | |
| Expended: | | |
| Supplies & Postage | | $ 82 01 |
| Dues NH Assoc. | | 80 00 |
| Brochure | | 250 00 |
| CCY Tuition | | 329 00 |
| Surveying | | 200 00 |
| Miscellaneous | | 303 84 |
| File | | 128 13 |
| Total Expended | | $ 1,372 98 |

*Library*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | $38,115 00 | |
| Expended: | | |
| Amherst Town Library | | $ 38,115 00 |

*Regional Planning*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | $1,200 00 | |
| Expended: | | |
| Nashua Reg. Planning | | $ 1,151 00 |

*Health*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | $500 00 | |
| Expended: | | |
| Dr. James Starkey | | $ 500 00 |

*Souhegan Nursing*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | $1,500 00 | |
| Expended: | | |
| Souhegan Nursing | | $ 1,500 00 |

*Vital Statistics*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | $100 00 | |
| Expended: | | |
| Bernice Boothroyd | | $ 78 00 |

*Nashua Mental Health*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | $1,000 00 | |
| Expended: | | |
| Nashua Mental Health | | $ 1,000 00 |

*Veteran's Aid*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | $500 00 | |
| Expended: | | 0 00 |

*Old Age Assistance*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | $6,000 00 | |
| Expended: | | |
| State of N.H. | | $ 6,602 41 |

*Interest*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | $16,000 00 | |
| Expended: | | |
| Meric Arnold | | $ 2,033 53 |
| Souhegan National Bank | | 12,786 10 |
| Total Expended | | $ 14,819 63 |

*Planning Board*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $4,800 00 | |
| Est. Income | $ 700 00 | | |
| Actual Income | 1,281 50 | | |
| | | +581 50 | |
| | | $5,381 50 | |
| Expended: | | | |
| Clerical | | | $ 608 25 |
| Supplies | | | 176 27 |
| Advertising | | | 1,538 70 |
| Fees | | | 106 33 |
| Equipment | | | 176 45 |
| Printing | | | 125 00 |
| Xerox | | | 277 08 |
| Postage | | | 1,072 69 |
| Miscellaneous | | | 25 00 |
| Total Expended | | | $ 4,105 77 |

*Zoning Administrator*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $22,130 00 | |
| Est. Income | $20,000 00 | | |
| Actual Income | 35,588 83 | | |
| | | +15,588 83 | |
| | | $37,718 83 | |
| Expended: | | | |
| Supplies | | | $ 150 32 |
| Spec. Equip. | | | 92 28 |
| Printing | | | 309 10 |
| Travel | | | 1,983 10 |
| Postage | | | 54 63 |
| Miscellaneous | | | 34 50 |
| Zoning Administrator | | | 12,355 20 |
| Building Inspector | | | 6,480 00 |
| Xerox | | | 69 27 |
| Refunds | | | 723 60 |
| Total Expended | | | $ 22,252 00 |

*Civil Defense*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | $1,185 00 | |
| Expended: | | |
| Office Supplies | | $ 50 00 |
| Equipment Rep. | | 125 00 |
| Communications | | 109 84 |
| Equipment | | 256 20 |
| Director Ex. | | 135 96 |
| Miscellaneous | | 591 57 |
| Total Expended | | $ 1,180 07 |

*Social Security*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | $16,450 00 | |
| Expended: | | |
| State of N.H. F.I.C.A. | | $ 10,785 02 |

*Retirement*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | $4,575 00 | |
| Expended: | | |
| State of N.H. — Retirement | | $ 4,933 03 |

*Hydrant Rental*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | $1,875 00 | |
| Expended: | | |
| Amherst Village District | | $ 1,755 00 |
| Town of Milford | | 120 00 |
| | | $ 1,875 00 |

*Board of Adjustment*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | $1,000 00 | |
| Income | 156 45 | |
| | $1,156 45 | |
| Expended: | | |
| Clerical | | $ 166 50 |
| Supplies | | 13 05 |
| Advertising | | 684 00 |

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|---|---|---|---|
| Postage | | | 305 74 |
| Miscellaneous | | | 57 73 |
| Total Expended | | | $ 1,227 02 |

*Police*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | | $111,438 00 |
| Accounts Payable | | | 74 00 |
| Income | Est. | Actual | |
| Pistol Permits | 175 | $ 168 00 | |
| Reports | 300 | 263 00 | |
| Bikes | 1,000 | 602 50 | |
| Gifts | 1,000 | 1,000 00 | |
| Gas Refund | 800 | 512 34 | |
| Misc. | 100 | 869 70 | |
| Grants | 8,681 | 9,383 52 | |
| | 12,056 | $12,799 06 | |
| Acct. Rec. Spec. Duty | | 300 00 | |
| Special Duty | | 6,058 81 | |
| Insurance | | 1,037 77 | |
| Highway Safety | | 1,540 00 | |
| | 12,056 | $21,735 64 | 9,679 64 |
| Accounts Payable | | | 808 00 |
| | | | $121,999 64 |
| Expended: | | | |
| Full Time | | | $ 64,310 53 |
| Part Time | | | 6,494 78 |
| Traffic Aide | | | 3,979 72 |
| Clerical | | | 6,138 51 |
| Cadet | | | 958 00 |
| Overtime | | | 3,956 76 |
| Private Duty | | | 6,220 18 |
| Supplies | | | 96 94 |
| Equip. Rep. | | | 1,208 25 |
| Telephone | | | 1,420 17 |
| Gas | | | 7,464 73 |
| Grease & Oil | | | 145 90 |

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| Tires | 906 46 |
| Tools & Equip. | 1,737 60 |
| Notices | 40 00 |
| Assoc. Dues & Exp. | 45 00 |
| Board & Care | 8 77 |
| Medical | 35 00 |
| Radio Rep. | 1,127 78 |
| Major Rep. | 3,498 01 |
| Bike Tags | 139 82 |
| Med. Tests | 75 00 |
| Film | 172 22 |
| Uniform | 1,769 98 |
| Ammunition | 30 00 |
| Cleaning | 1,269 04 |
| Mutual Aid | 138 00 |
| Office Equip. | 12 00 |
| Conference | 150 00 |
| Vice Money | 26 06 |
| Officer Bill | 9 79 |
| New Equipment | 5,276 84 |
| Printing | 502 45 |
| Subscriptions | 28 50 |
| Mileage & Misc. | 57 60 |
| Equip. Leasing | 184 72 |
| R.S.A. | 10 00 |
| Postage | 145 43 |
| Training | 108 75 |
| Miscellaneous | 586 01 |
| Highway Safety | 1,320 00 |
| Radar | 1,898 00 |
| Total Expended | $123,703 30 |

*Baboosic*

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|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $ 12,807 00 |
| Income | Est. | Actual |
| Conc. Oper. | $ 275 | $1,226 71 |
| Rent | 500 | 350 00 |
| Games | 1,000 | 1,103 20 |
| Dances | 1,220 | 1,556 50 |

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|---|---|---|---|
| Swim Lessons | 200 | 450 00 | |
| Registrations | 3,500 | 3,436 75 | |
| | $6,695 | $8,123 16 | |
| Cookout | | $ 452 90 | |
| Auction | | 228 30 | |
| Swimathon | | 524 50 | |
| Conc. Rent | | 150 00 | |
| | $6,695 | $9,478 86 | 2,783 86 |
| | | | $ 15,590 86 |

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| Expended: | |
| Equip. Rep. | $ 327 71 |
| Lights | 543 97 |
| Telephone | 165 79 |
| Water | 48 02 |
| Sanding | 240 00 |
| Advertising | 132 08 |
| Fire Ext. | 14 50 |
| Dance Exp. | 199 87 |
| First Aid | 6 79 |
| Toilet Supplies | 85 69 |
| Septic | 513 55 |
| Arts & Crafts | 63 15 |
| Bull horn | 74 72 |
| Printing | 22 00 |
| Bldg. Rep. | 156 35 |
| Opening | 51 29 |
| Refuse | 20 00 |
| Dock | 2,299 58 |
| Concession | 666 05 |
| Games | 360 03 |
| I.D. Tags | 204 21 |
| Cookout | 448 23 |
| Director | 1,100 00 |
| Lifeguard | 3,948 00 |
| Swimming Inst. | 700 00 |
| Arts & Crafts | 570 00 |
| Gate Att. | 172 00 |

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|---|---|---|---|
| Concession | | | 545 64 |
| Total Expended | | | 13,679 22 |
| Accounts Payable | | | 1,001 21 |
| | | | $ 14,680 43 |

*Recreation*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | | $ 13,820 00 |
| Income | Est. | Actual | |
| Tennis | $ 1,500 | $ 2,014 50 | |
| Softball | 100 | 196 00 | |
| Baseball | 200 | 278 00 | |
| Basketball | 75 | 178 00 | |
| Soccer | 50 | 172 00 | |
| Golf | 150 | 135 00 | |
| Grant | 4,725 | 6,027 70 | |
| Rev. Sharing | 4,550 | 4,550 00 | |
| Dept. Inc. | | 23 00 | |
| | $11,350 | $13,574 20 | |
| Acct. Payable | | 107 35 | |
| | $11,350 | $13,681 55 | 2,331 55 |
| | | | $ 16,151 55 |
| Expended: | | | |
| Director | | | $ 9,100 00 |
| Water | | | 67 50 |
| Telephone | | | 79 10 |
| Meetings & Dues | | | 84 40 |
| M.A. Assoc. | | | 100 00 |
| Printing | | | 12 22 |
| Mileage | | | 252 24 |
| Postage | | | 31 02 |
| Golf | | | 135 00 |
| Football | | | 300 00 |
| Softball | | | 273 14 |
| Baseball | | | 799 19 |
| Soccer | | | 212 20 |
| Tennis | | | 2,106 52 |

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|---|---|---|---|
| Basketball | | | 199 42 |
| Miscellaneous | | | 361 23 |
| Total Expended | | | $ 14,113 18 |

*Ambulance*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $7,235 00 | |
| Est. Income | $1,900 | | |
| Act. Income | 1,900 | | |
| | | 0 00 | |
| | | $7,235 00 | |
| Expended: | | | |
| Equip. Rep. | | | $ 504 93 |
| M.V. Fuel | | | 415 79 |
| Spec. Equip. | | | 3,311 21 |
| Dues & Sub. | | | 58 00 |
| M.V. Reg. | | | 546 36 |
| Clothing | | | 28 00 |
| Office Supp. | | | 256 03 |
| Mach. | | | 1,805 00 |
| Travel | | | 19 20 |
| Training | | | 371 47 |
| Miscellaneous | | | 168 43 |
| Postage | | | 105 96 |
| Total Expended | | | $ 7,590 38 |

*Fire*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $53,580 00 | |
| Income | $401 90 | 401 90 | |
| | | $53,981 90 | |
| Expended: | | | |
| Salaries | | | $ 4,400 00 |
| Supplies | | | 413 96 |
| Equipment | | | 7,161 25 |
| Equip. Rep. | | | 556 06 |
| Electricity | | | 1,061 30 |
| Telephone | | | 439 71 |
| Water | | | 37 50 |

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|---|---|---|
| Fuel Oil | | 2,250 29 |
| Gasoline | | 224 50 |
| Repairs | | 2,725 15 |
| Fire & Train. | | 9,583 22 |
| Bldg. Main. | | 1,427 08 |
| Radio Rep. | | 553 33 |
| Water Hole | | 1,000 00 |
| Misc. | | 143 65 |
| Fire Prot. Team | | 484 02 |
| Tires | | 338 28 |
| | | $ 32,844 30 |
| Reserve | | 20,000 00 |
| Total Expended | | $ 52,844 30 |

*Insurance*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | $31,960 00 | |
| Income | 3,866 18 | |
| | $35,876 18 | |
| Expended: | | |
| Bonds | | $ 623 00 |
| SMP | | 4,529 00 |
| Baboosic | | 557 00 |
| Vehicle Liab. | | 4,793 00 |
| Life & Dis. | | 3,546 69 |
| Police Liab. | | 815 30 |
| Officer Liab. | | 720 00 |
| Sp. Police | | 663 00 |
| Blue Cross | | 12,017 86 |
| Workman Comp. | | 6,332 40 |
| Advertisement | | 8 00 |
| Total Expended | | $ 34,605 25 |

*Town Poor*

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriation | $9,000 00 |
| Recovery | 545 30 |
| | $9,545 30 |

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|---|---|
| Expended: | |
| Case No. 1 | $ 650 66 |
| Case No. 2 | 2,606 22 |
| Case No. 3 | 1,620 33 |
| Case No. 4 | 7 80 |
| Case No. 5 | 20 22 |
| Case No. 6 | 89 30 |
| Case No. 7 | 25 46 |
| Case No. 8 | 750 50 |
| Case No. 9 | 385 15 |
| Case No. 10 | 158 00 |
| Case No. 11 | 316 83 |
| Case No. 12 | 100 33 |
| Welfare Officer | 150 00 |
| Supplies | 15 00 |
| Total Expended | $ 6,895 80 |

*Debt Service*

Article No. 13, of 1974 – Land Fill

| | |
|---|---|
| Balance 1-1-76 | $ 33,892 21 |
| Expended: | |
| Meric Arnold Land acct. | 11,297 37 |
| Balance | $ 22,594 84 |

Article No. 20 of 1975 – Fire Truck

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $ 5 00 |
| Returned to General Fund | $5 00 | |

Article No. 22 of 1975 – Tennis Court

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriation | $ 14,913 65 |
| Federal Grant | 1,086 35 |
| Total Available | $ 16,000 00 |
| Expended: | |
| Jack Somers | $16,000 00 |
| Balance | $ 0 00 |

Article No. 19 of 1974 – Master Planning

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation forwarded | $612 57 | |
| Expended: | | |
| Nashua Reg. Planning | | $ 612 57 |

Article 17 – Wood Chipper

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation forwarded | $434 00 | |
| Expended: | | |
| Returned to Revenue Sharing | | $ 434 00 |

Article 18 of 1975 – Cruiser

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|---|---|---|
| Appropriation forwarded | $4,259 42 | |
| Expended: | | |
| Hackler-Chrysler | | $ 4,259 42 |

Article No. 19 – Ambulance

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation forwarded | $230 95 | |
| Expended: | | $ 223 50 |
| Balance returned to Gen. Fund | | 7 45 |
| Total Expended | | $ 230 95 |

Article No. 12 of 1973 – Conservation Land

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation forwarded | $6,100 00 | |
| Expended: | | 0 00 |
| Appropriation forwarded | | $ 6,100 00 |

Article 15 of 1974 – Fire Station

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation forwarded | | $ 3,884 29 |
| Expended: | | |
| Interest ret. to Gen. Fund | $ 255 72 | |
| Expended | 2,735 08 | |
| | $2,990 80 | |
| Accounts Payable | 785 00 | |
| | | $ 3,775 80 |
| Balance returned to General Fund | | $ 108 49 |

Article 19 – Bicentennial

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | | $ 3,790 00 |
| Balance Forwarded | | 1,000 00 |
| Estimated Income | $1,895 00 | |
| Actual Income | 4,278 80 | |
| | | 2,383 80 |
| Total Available | | $ 7,173 80 |
| Expended | | $ 7,218 90 |

Article No. 20 – Common

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | $7,200 00 | |
| Expended: | | |
| Joe Luongo | | $ 7,200 00 |

Article No. 22 – Alarm

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | $11,300 00 | |
| Expended: | | 0 00 |
| Forwarded to 1977 | | $ 11,300 00 |

Article No. 23 – Retirement

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | $28,000 00 | |
| Amount Forwarded | 3,530 78 | |
| | $31,530 78 | |
| Expended: | | |
| Consulting Actuary | | $ 136 00 |
| Travelers Insurance | | 21,272 55 |
| | | $21,408 55 |
| Forwarded to General Fund | | $ 10,122 23 |

Article No. 15 – Capital Reserve

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | $18,000 00 | |
| Expended: | | |
| Trustees of the Trust Funds | | $ 18,000 00 |

Article No. 16 – Conservation Land

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | $15,000 00 | |
| To be returned to General Fund | | $ 15,000 00 |

Article No. 20 – Tennis Courts

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | $25,000 00 | |
| Expended: | | |
| Jack Somers | | $ 1,250 00 |
| Union Leader | | 41 51 |
| | | $ 1,291 51 |
| Balance Forwarded | | $ 23,708 49 |

Article No. 18 – Master Planning

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | $5,000 00 | |
| Expended: | | |
| Nashua Regional Planning | | $ 328 80 |
| Balance forwarded | | $ 4,671 20 |

Article No. 11 – Library Books

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | $1,500 00 | |
| Expended: | | |
| Town Library | | $ 1,500 00 |

Article No. 12 – Highway Truck

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | $8,000 00 | |
| Expended: | | |
| Radio | | $ 765 00 |
| Radio Rep. | | 9 35 |
| Ads | | 4 00 |
| McKenzie Motors | | 5,995 00 |
| Equipment | | 1,226 65 |
| | | $ 8,000 00 |

Article No. 13 – Cruiser

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | $4,500 00 | |
| Balance forwarded to 1977 | | $ 4,500 00 |

*Road Improvements*

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriation | $12,000 00 |
| Income | 1,443 00 |
| | $13,443 00 |

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|---|---|---|
| Expended: | | |
| Supplies | | |
| Outside Hire | | $ 13,489 15 |

*Contingency*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | $5,000 00 | |
| Trans. to Town Hall | −1,157 34 | |
| Amount Available | $3,842 66 | |
| Expended: | | |
| Thomas Sasdi | | $ 1,200 00 |
| Tenney Clough | | 50 00 |
| | | $ 1,250 00 |
| Accounts Payable: | | |
| Thomas Moran | | $ 1,500 00 |
| Thomas Sasdi | | 1,092 66 |
| | | $ 2,592 66 |

*County of Hillsboro*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | $163,161 45 | |
| Expended: | | $163,161 45 |

*Amherst Village District*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | $3,043 03 | |
| Expended: | | $ 3,043 03 |

*Amherst School District*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Expended: | | |
| On account of 1975-76 appropriation | | $1,489,902 02 |
| On account of 1976-77 appropriation | | 866,011 00 |
| | | $1,355,913 02 |
| Balance due School District | $1,730,310 93 | |

*Yield Tax*

| | |
|---|---|
| Expended: | |
| State of New Hampshire | $ 48 81 |

*Taxes Bought by Town*

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|---|---|
| Expended: | |
| Amherst Tax Collector | $105,818 58 |

*Souhegan Regional Land Fill*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | $58,683 45 | |
| Expended | | $ 37,841 50 |
| Due 1977 | | 20,841 95 |
| | | $ 58,683 43 |

*Refunds*

| | |
|---|---|
| Expended | $ 11,386 71 |

*Abatements*

| | |
|---|---|
| Expended | $ 1,868 84 |

*Town Clerk's Auto Account*

| | |
|---|---|
| Expended: | |
| Town Clerk's Salary | $ 7,849 00 |
| Refunds | 432 67 |
| | $ 8,281 67 |

*Amherst Highway Department*

General Expense – 5400

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | $24,520 00 | |
| Income | 1,771 12 | |
| Total Available | $26,291 12 | |
| Expended: | | |
| Personal Services | | $ 3,451 50 |
| Supplies | | 3,617 95 |
| Equipment Repairs | | 3,183 94 |
| Electricity | | 687 35 |
| Telephone | | 452 99 |
| Heat | | 707 17 |
| Diesel Fuel | | 1,005 31 |
| Oil and Grease | | 319 55 |
| Tires | | 970 08 |
| Gasoline | | 6,676 62 |
| Tools and Equipment | | 76 14 |
| Building Maintenance | | 140 51 |
| Radio | | 150 15 |
| Motor Vehicle Repairs | | 3,550 87 |

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|---|---|---|
| Signs and Street Markings | | 1,181 01 |
| Clerical Expense | | 29 83 |
| Miscellaneous | | 407 86 |
| Major Equipment | | 765 00 |
| | | $ 27,373 33 |

Oiling – 5402

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | $50,420 00 | |
| Income | 900 00 | |
| Total Available | $51,320 00 | |
| Expended: | | |
| Personal Service | | $ 5,752 90 |
| Supplies | | 374 25 |
| Asphalt, Cold Patch | | 34,664 25 |
| Hired Equipment | | 9,244 00 |
| Equipment Repairs | | 606 28 |
| Sand | | 792 00 |
| | | $ 51,433 68 |

Summer Maintenance – 5403

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | $47,428 00 | |
| Income | 6,445 79 | |
| Total Available | $53,873 79 | |
| Expended: | | |
| Personal Services | | $ 32,872 85 |
| Supplies | | 2,343 03 |
| Gravel | | 4,271 99 |
| Tools and Equipment | | 134 30 |
| Hired Equipment | | 11,147 75 |
| Pipe | | 1,074 87 |
| Signs and Street Markings | | 70 00 |
| Sand | | 630 82 |
| Miscellaneous | | 158 60 |
| Equipment Repairs | | 141 90 |
| | | $ 52,846 11 |

Winter Maintenance – 5404

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | $88,637 00 | |
| Income | 35 00 | |
| Total Available | $88,672 00 | |
| Expended: | | |
| Personal Services | | $ 30,382 79 |
| Supplies | | 2,962 39 |
| Equipment Repairs | | 5,930 65 |
| Tires | | 123 65 |
| Asphalt, Tarvia | | 348 05 |
| Stone | | 23 89 |
| Gravel | | 45 09 |
| Sand | | 3,220 25 |
| Salt | | 28,959 75 |
| Hired Equipment | | 19,626 13 |
| Pipe | | 30 10 |
| Posts | | 30 00 |
| Major Equipment | | 1,732 50 |
| Radio | | 30 00 |
| Miscellaneous | | 21 81 |
| | | $ 93,467 05 |

Grader Fund – 5407

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | $3,000 00 | |
| Expended | | $ 3,000 00 |

T.R.A. – 5409

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | $2,111 98 | |
| Expended: | | |
| State of New Hampshire | | $ 2,111 98 |

Gas Subsidy – 5410

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | $36,059 84 | |
| Expended: | | |
| Personal Services | | $ 4,028 40 |
| Gravel | | 11,767 46 |

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|---|---|---|
| Pipe | | 826 64 |
| Hired Equipment | | 11,659 40 |
| Supplies | | 6 00 |
| Sand | | 920 00 |
| Asphalt | | 6,448 68 |
| Engineering | | 512 00 |
| | | $ 36,168 58 |

Parks & Playgrounds – 5601

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | $5,720 00 | |
| Income | 126 00 | |
| Total Available | $5,846 00 | |
| Expended: | | |
| Personal Services | | $ 4,557 78 |
| Supplies | | 322 84 |
| Hired Equipment | | 489 00 |
| Repairs | | 185 01 |
| Miscellaneous | | 150 00 |
| | | $ 5,704 63 |

Cemeteries – 5900

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriation | $8,234 00 | |
| Expended: | | |
| Personal Services | | $ 6,354 30 |
| Supplies | | 110 86 |
| Repairs & Equipment | | 362 30 |
| Electricity | | 108 59 |
| Water | | 15 00 |
| Hired Equipment | | 316 31 |
| Plant Maintenance | | 375 99 |
| Dues | | 5 00 |
| Major Equipment | | 199 00 |
| Loam | | 189 00 |
| Miscellaneous | | 115 00 |
| Tree Disposal | | 63 00 |
| | | $ 8,214 65 |

# *Report of Highway Agent*

For the benefit of the new residents of Amherst, your Highway Garage is located on Dodge Road. The office is open from 8 a.m. to 12 noon, Monday through Friday. Our work day is from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. During storms, we try to have one of our personnel answering telephone calls at 673-2317. Your Road Agent's home telephone is 673-1293. There are nine regular employees: one road agent, one heavy equipment operator, four light equipment operators and three laborers. During the summer, five college or high school boys are hired part-time. Major equipment owned by the Town includes one grader, one tractor, loader, mower combination, three five-ton trucks and one one-ton truck. Our responsibilities are approximately 118 miles of road, care of the Town Commons, all playgrounds, all outside maintenance of four school yards, four cemeteries and some work at the Landfill.

The following is a summarized report of this department's activities during 1976.

Winter Maintenance – Appropriation $88,637.00

The winter maintenance program covers all the Highway Department work from about December first to the middle of March. All road clearing due to snow and ice (32 storms) is charged to this account. We have approximately 118 miles of roads to care for with five hired trucks with plows, one Town tractor, four Town trucks and one grader. We have tried to give school bus routes and areas where children walk to school or to meet buses special attention. We also clear snow from some sidewalks in the village as well as snow removal from both the Wilkins and Clark Schools, the Fire Station, Library, Old Brick School and the Town Hall.

The other main work done in winter consists of cutting trees and brush. Areas where future construction is contemplated are included in this program. During the winter of '75-'76, brush and trees were cut on Mont Vernon Road, Boston Post Road North, and Eaton Road. Our new chipper eliminated the costly hauling of brush to the landfill site.

Sand is being used in larger amounts in order to cut the

use of rock salt, in the name of ecology, but this does not save money and it takes longer to make the roads safe for travel. Also, this method of ice control will require more clean-up in the spring than the use of just salt for ice control. The cooperation of the public in the form of reduced speed is also necessary during storm periods in order for this program to work.

Summer Maintenance – Appropriation $47,428.00

All general maintenance from the middle of March to December 1 is covered under this account. Included is the grading, use of the York rake on 34 gravel roads several times, cutting banks and ditches, spot graveling, the maintenance and replacement of culverts, setting posts, signs, etc. on all roads. Also the maintenance of shoulders throughout the black road system and the machine and hand cutting of brush in the summer.

In 1976, several roads were spot graveled. They were: County Road, Stearns Road, Austin Road, Col. Wilkins Road, Dodge Road, School House Road and Old Milford Road. Culverts were replaced on: Mont Vernon Road, School House Road, River Road, Chestnut Hill Road and Horace Greeley Road. Brush was hand cut on approximately 112 miles of road, and some areas were done a second time. Brush was hand cut on: Souhegan Avenue, Eaton Road, Christian Hill Road, Stearns Road, Col. Wilkins Road, Walnut Hill Road and at corners and intersections. Approximately 60 dead trees were removed in various areas of town.

Many hours were spent replacing street signs. Four weeks were spent cleaning ditches and culverts during the Fall months.

Oiling – Appropriation $50,420.00

Under this account 24.6 miles of road were resurfaced at a cost of $28,415.30 for asphalt alone. The roads were: Aglipay Drive, Brook Road, Buckridge Drive, Camp Road, Chestnut Hill, Cricket Hill and Town Crier Road, Dodge Road, Highland Drive, Horace Greeley Road, Junkins Lane, Lord Jeffrey Drive, Mack Hill Road, south end, Martingale and Melendy Hill, Melody Lane, Merrimack Road, east end, North Meadow Road and Northfield, Oak Hill Road, Old Manchester Road, Pettingale Road, Pine Road, Pinnacle Road, Rocky Hill, Satan Ledge, Seaverns Bridge Road,

Stearns Road, Truell Road, Walnut Hill Road, Willow Lane, Woodland Drive, Woodbine Lane, Christian Hill Road, Mont Vernon Road.

The cost of patching all black roads and sweeping of all roads to be re-oiled is covered under this oiling appropriation. 8,700 gallons of waste oil were applied to gravel roads where dust is a problem.

Town Road Aid – Appropriation $16,191.87

T.R.A. is a program started in 1947 by the State to help towns improve their roads. Money for this account is raised on a 15% town cost and 85% State aid. Supervision is jointly held by the State and the Road Agent. Under this account money was spent on: the gravel section of Stearns Road and Spring Road near the Alger home.

Gas Subsidy – Appropriation $36,059.84

This is a program started in 1971 by the State to help towns improve their roads and the care of their roads. Money for this account is 100% State aid. Under this program, 1,500 feet of Mont Vernon Road was completely rebuilt, 800 feet of Lake Road was completely rebuilt, and Stearns Road was completed.

Road Improvement – Appropriation $12,000.00

Money under this account was spent on shimming the following roads: Merrimack Road from the junction of Boston Post Road South, north to the junction of Corduroy Road; junction of Nichols Road and Merrimack Road; Horace Greeley Road from the Cider Mill to McKuskie's house. Water bars were installed at the bridge on Camp Road. Culvert installed at Beaver Brook Circle and ditch was hot topped by the Mogavero residence on Boston Post Road South.

Parks and Playgrounds – Appropriation $5,720.00

Money under this account is spent to maintain eight town commons, two playgrounds, the Old Brick School yard, Wilkins and Clark School grounds. Some of the work at the Library comes under this account. This work consists of raking and picking up leaves, mowing and trimming the grass, care of the park fences, and the constant picking up of

papers, etc. from the lawns. Town trash barrels are placed in these areas during the summer and have helped keep our village picked up. The children who have used the parks have been considerate and have used the trash barrels.

All work connected with the Bicentennial Fourth of July Celebration was charged to this account.

Cemeteries – Appropriation $8,234.00

Money for this account was spent to maintain the four cemeteries: Meadowview, the Old Cemetery by the Town Hall, Cricket Corner and Chestnut Hill Cemetery. Some of the work accomplished this year other than the regular raking, mowing and trimming of all cemeteries was: (a) a program of resetting all the stones in the older cemeteries has been started, and will continue in 1977; (b) at Cricket Corner Cemetery the fence was rebuilt and will be painted in 1977, and (c) many areas in Meadowview Cemetery were loamed and seeded.

There were 9 burials in Meadowview Cemetery and 1 burial in the Cricket Corner Cemetery.

I would like you, the taxpayer, to know that your Highway Department is doing everything possible to give you good service and to keep the cost of operation down. With this in mind, we have tried to assist various other departments whenever possible. We installed culverts and completed the drainage project at the Wilkins School, including reseeding of the lawn which had been dug up. We also repaired the driveway at the Wilkins School. We hauled sand to the beach at Baboosic Lake and also cut down trees around the beach area. We have spent several days at the Souhegan Landfill assisting them with various problems.

In closing this report, I would like to thank the Selectmen and the Road Commission for their guidance and help in 1976 and the taxpayers of Amherst for their support of the Department's programs.

Any comments and suggestions on how your Highway Department can better serve you, are welcomed.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD G. CROCKER, Highway Agent

# *Amherst Fire Department*

**Annual Report — 1976**

The following is a summary of the Amherst Fire Department's 1976 activities.

The Department responded to 111 calls during the year, of which 4 were major structure fires, as compared to 99 calls last year with 3 major.

**Amherst Fire Calls**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Structure (minor) | 2 | Still alarm | 4 |
| Structure (major) | 4 | Furnace | 2 |
| Brush | 14 | Food on stove | 1 |
| Gash wash | 7 | Stove | 2 |
| Electrical | 1 | Bomb threat | 1 |
| Chimney | 15 | Hot water tank | |
| Home Alarm (no fire) | 7 | (Wilkins School) | 1 |
| Truck | 1 | Hot fat | 1 |
| Car | 10 | Gas fire (Country Club | 1 |
| Debris | 2 | Public Service Co. | |
| Wood pile | 1 | (wire) | 5 |
| Auto accident | 2 | Water heater | 1 |
| Couch | 1 | Tree | 2 |
| Gas pump | 1 | Dryer | 2 |
| Pillow | 1 | Trash | 2 |
| Smoke check | 2 | Grass | 3 |

Mutual aid was received 5 times and supplied 16 times out of town.

The Amherst Fire Department is composed of four engine companies which man and equip two stations — our Central Station is in the village and the South Station on Stearns Road. Listed below are the stations, their equipment and officers:

Central Station

Engine One:
Captain Joe Luongo
Lt. David Hanlon

Engine Two:
Captain David Sliney
Lt. James Lawson

Engine Three:
Captain Robert Hall
Lt. Art McKenney

Engine Four:
A 1960 International 4-wheel drive brush truck.

Tanker No. 1:
A Military Vehicle, which has the water capacity of 2,000 gallons.

South Station

Engine Five:
Captain Fred Yunggebauer
Lt. Bankson Ritter

Tanker No. 2:
Same as Tanker No. 1 in Central Station

To report a fire, dial 673-3131. This is the number of the Communications Center which handles all fire calls for Amherst, Milford, Wilton and Mont Vernon, 24 hours a day. Please give property owner's name, the street name and the town when reporting a fire.

A combined drill with all Companies is held the first Monday of the month. Each Engine Company holds practice drill on one of the following Mondays of that month, with a Fire Ward in attendance.

The Wards wish to thank the members of the four Engine Companies for all their time and efforts in 1976. Also, our thanks to the Selectmen, Barbara Landry, and the people of Amherst for their support.

Respectfully submitted,

MARSHALL STRICKLAND, Chief
RICHARD CROCKER, 1st Assistant Chief
DAVID HERLIHY, JR., 2nd Assistant Chief

# *Fire Prevention Bureau*

## Annual Report

During the year members of the Bureau conducted twenty-three inspections of homes, businesses, schools and town buildings. Home inspections are done only at the request of the owner while other inspections are done on a scheduled basis. In addition to inspections, many visits were made to advise on installation of wood stoves and to examine chimneys and fireplaces.

Again this year the Amherst Bank and Trust Company sponsored the "Captain No Burn" program. The Bureau presented this program to students in the second, third and fourth grades during Fire Prevention Week. The Bureau also acquired a Walt Disney film which was shown to first grade students.

Two fire extinguisher courses were presented during the year: the first to members of the Rescue Squad and the general public and the second to members of the Explorer Scout Troop sponsored by the Police Department.

Considerable time and effort went into research and development of specifications for the fire alarm systems approved for the town buildings, Clark and Wilkins Schools.

Members of the Bureau are: William Alger, Peter Anderson, Bruce Bowler, Marty Champagne, Richard Heineke, James Lawson, Arthur McKinney, John Moorhouse, Walter Nelson, Michael Riccitelli, and Ted Riter.

The Bureau would like to thank all those who have worked and assisted the Bureau in its activities. Particular thanks to town officials, the Fire Wards and those who assisted with the fire alarm system.

MICHAEL RICCITELLI, Chairman
RICHARD R. HEINEKE, Secretary

# *Report of District Fire Chief and Town Forest Fire Warden*

Since its beginning in 1893, the State Forestry Department has recognized the fact that forest fire prevention and suppression is a joint state and town or city responsibility. Local authorities recommend names of persons to the State Forester, who appoints one person as town or city fire warden and several other persons as town or city deputy fire wardens to a three year term.

The local forest fire warden controls the kindling of all outside fires, when the ground is not covered with snow, by issuing a written permit for kindling a fire. Permits are only issued at such times and in such places as the fire warden deems as safe.

The State Forest Fire Service trains the local forest fire organization in modern forest fire prevention and suppression tactics. The State also provides backup personnel and equipment for suppression and prevention activities.

The combination of State and local forces has resulted in one of the smallest acreage loss due to forest fires in the United States for the past 20 years.

**1976 Forest Fire Statistics**

| | No. of Fires | No. of Acres |
|---|---|---|
| State | 746 | 294 |
| District | 51 | 37 |
| Town | 17 | 1½ |

GILBERT E. TESTA, District Fire Chief

MARSHALL D. STRICKLAND, Forest Fire Warden

# *Amherst Police Department*

**Police Roster**

Chief John T. Osborn, Jr.
Officer David Bode
Officer Richard Dolan
Officer Edward Gamache
Officer Garry MacGuire
Officer Steven Sexton
Officer Harold Wheeler
Special Officer Patrick Doherty
Special Officer Albert Junkins
Special Officer Robert McHatton
Special Officer/Clerk Dispatcher Nancy Chase
Special Officer/Dog Officer Raymond LeBlanc
Special Officer/Traffic Aide Suzanne Alger
Special Officer/Traffic Aide Nancy Demers
Special Officer/Traffic Aide Marion Pollock
1976 Summer Cadet:
Cadet Scott Trudo

Resigned during 1976:
Officer Robin Mangold
Traffic Aide Sylvia Martel
Traffic Aide Joann Osborn

**Incidents reported to Police in 1976:**

206 Accidents
254 Alarms
204 Arrests
6 Arson
1 Arson (Attempted)
11 Assault
1 Assault (Aggravated)
2 Assaults (on Police Officer)
176 Assist Motorist
5 Bad Checks
2 Blood Transfers
1 Bomb Threats

39 Burglaries
20 Cash Escorts
159 Criminal Mischief
3 Criminal Threats
12 Criminal Trespass
9 Death Reports
14 Disturbance
332 Dog Complaints
1 Drug Problem
60 Fire Calls
1 Fireworks Permit
93 Found Property
1 Indecent Exposure
1 Littering
38 Lost Property
147 Medical Assistance
812 Miscellaneous Incidents
23 Missing Persons/Attempt to Locate
167 Mutual Aid to other Departments
44 Nuisance Phone Calls
171 Open Doors/Windows
92 Pistol Permit Applications
13 Prowlers
6 Recovered Stolen Vehicles
2 Robbery
1 Shoplifting
63 Stray Livestock
2 Stolen Vehicles
140 Suspicious persons/Vehicles
119 Thefts
2 Theft of Services
18 Towed Vehicles/Abandoned Vehicles
71 Transfers (paperwork/persons)
3 Trespassing
2 Truancy
7 Use of Firearms by Police Officer

3593 Incidents Reported in 1976
2737 Incidents Reported in 1975
2058 Incidents Reported in 1974
1064 Incidents Reported in 1973
716 Incidents Reported in 1972

**Arrests by Amherst Police in 1976:**

Adults: 128

3 Assault
2 Assault on Police Officer
1 Bad Check
3 Burglary
1 Contributing to delinquency of minor
1 Criminal Trespass
1 Deserter
1 Disorderly Conduct
1 Driving under influence of drugs
3 Drunk
49 DWI
1 False Inspection Sticker
1 Failure to appear in court
1 Hindering apprehension
2 Hunting without license
4 Knowingly present controlled drugs
1 Operating after revocation
1 Operating after suspension
13 Possession of a controlled drug
3 Resisting Arrest
2 Safekeeping
11 Theft
2 Theft by unauthorized taking
1 Unreasonable speed
19 Warrants

Juveniles: 76

1 Accompanied Missing person
6 Arson
3 Burglary
9 Criminal Mischief
2 Criminal Trespassing
6 Disorderly Conduct
1 Driving to endanger
1 DWI
1 Escapee Y.D.C.
1 Escapee N.H. State Hospital
1 Fireworks
6 Incidents

1 Indecent Exposure
6 Knowingly present controlled drugs
1 Malicious damage
2 Missing person
13 Operating motorcycle without license
1 Operating motor vehicle without headgear
3 Possession of an alcoholic beverage
2 Possession of a controlled drug
1 Possession of a false I.D.
1 Shoplifting
4 Theft
2 Truancy
2 Unauthorized use of Motor vehicle

470 Total Summonses for 1976

1656 Total Warnings for 1976

2126 Total Driver Contacts for 1976

It is apparent that as Amherst grows so does the demand for services. In 1976, there were 856, or 33 percent, more incidents reported than the previous year. The first question to arise is: Are we gaining? It is my contention that we are. There was a dramatic decrease in the monetary value of property stolen for the year 1976 ($25,519) as compared to 1975 ($45,361.50) and an increase in property value recovered from $3,493.28 to $8,007. The percentages are good, above national average, but our goal is to reduce the loss even more.

Citizens continue to become involved. More intrusion alarms are being installed in homes and businesses and a new deterrent, the CBer is everywhere. Not only is this an asset for reporting accidents and stranded motorists, but the possibility of someone with a "rig" seeing unusual activity and reporting it enhances our chances of receiving accurate descriptions of persons and vehicles which ultimately could result in the apprehension of the villain. Yes, even "Smokey" reports aid us in slowing down speeders. Be careful, though, we might have our "ears on" as well as "taking pictures".

Public relations is important in any service-oriented or-

ganization. Emphasis on existing programs reflects the interest of those involved.

Our Law Enforcement Post No. 194 continues to grow. Youths from Amherst and surrounding communities seem to thrive in assisting the department and other agencies whenever their services are needed. The criminal justice-related subjects being taught aid in the indoctrination of our side of the problems society is encountering, and with this knowledge and exposure they, I believe, will be better citizens.

Officer Bill is still our most productive item. It seems the impression made when the officer enters the classroom and spends time with the children is everlasting. As these children grow, they seem to retain that relationship, and we hope that their respect for us and others remains.

Before school closed, we had our Bike Rodeo. Participation was high and a fine time was had by all. It is our wish that all, including adults, would practice the safe operating procedures throughout the year demonstrated while competing for the prizes.

One of the most difficult decisions to make is a selection of one individual from a group of outstanding and highly qualified applicants. This was our dilemma in the Cadet Program. Because of the interest shown and the caliber of those applying it is my desire to have two cadets in 1977.

With your support the goals outlined for 1976 were fulfilled. The hours of operation of the station were extended and patrol coverage was increased. This was to provide better service and make Amherst a safer place to live. Once again, I request another full-time officer. This would be a dual-purpose position. He would perform normal patrol functions in a second cruiser unless investigations, either criminal or juvenile, required attention and then he would be assigned these tasks. Presently the Chief is available as the backup unit during normal duty hours, and on Fridays during court if the officer on duty must testify, the Town is without police protection.

I wish to thank you all for the support received during my first year as Chief. It has been a privilege to have served you.

JOHN T. OSBORN, JR., Chief of Police

# *Dog Officer's Report*

In 1976 there were 1207 licensed dogs in the Town of Amherst. With this in mind consider the number of dog complaints (332) or 1 for every 3.6 licensed dogs.

This problem requires many manhours and for that reason a dog officer was appointed on 5 April 1976. Thereby relieving other officers to perform their regular police duties.

To many, the dog problem may see trivial, but to those involved, it can be a crisis. There is a possibility that your favorite pet may be the friendliest pooch you ever saw, but to your neighbor, it might be a monster. Claims of family pets killing or mutilating dogs, cats, fowl, rabbits, and even a cow, to the point it had to be destroyed, have been substantiated and restitution filed against the owners.

Dog owners are reminded, all dogs three months of age or older are required by law to be licensed.

Thank you for your cooperation during 1976 and I solicit your help in 1977.

RAYMOND LeBLANC, Dog Officer

# Report of the Trust Funds of the City or Town of Amherst on December 31, 19 1976

| DATE OF CREATION | NAME OF TRUST FUND List first those trusts invested in a common trust fund | PURPOSE OF TRUST FUND | HOW INVESTED Whether bank deposits, Stocks, bonds, etc. (If common trust — So State) | % | PRINCIPAL | | | | INCOME | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | Balance Beginning Year | New Funds Created | Gains or (Losses) on Sale of Securities | Capital Gain Dividends | Balance End Year | Balance Beginning Year | INCOME DURING YEAR Percent | INCOME DURING YEAR Amount | Expended During Year | Balance End Year |
| COMMON TRUST FUNDS: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1927 | Emma L. Clark | Library | Common Trust | | 1,017 57 | | | 17 74 | 1,035 31 | 54 74 | | 52 79 | 54 74 | 52 79 |
| 1945 | James Day | " | " " | | 12,207 75 | | | 212 69 | 12,420 44 | 656 30 | | 632 97 | 656 30 | 632 97 |
| 1923 | Fannie Parsons French | " | " " | | 2,034 73 | | | 35 45 | 2,070 18 | 109 40 | | 105 51 | 109 40 | 105 51 |
| 1928 | George W. George | " | " " | | 1,017 57 | | | 17 74 | 1,035 31 | 54 74 | | 52 79 | 54 74 | 52 79 |
| 1902 | Edmund M. Parker | " | " " | | 2,034 73 | | | 35 45 | 2,070 18 | 109 40 | | 105 51 | 109 40 | 105 51 |
| 1957 | Anna H. Boardman | " | " " | | 3,558 40 | | | 51 43 | 3,609 83 | 158 71 | | 153 06 | 158 71 | 153 06 |
| 1942 | David E. Fisk | Highway | " " | | 3,051 82 | | | 53 17 | 3,104 99 | 164 05 | | 158 22 | 164 05 | 158 22 |
| 1867 | Aaron Lawrence | School | " " | | 3,051 82 | | | 53 17 | 3,104 99 | 164 05 | | 158 22 | 164 05 | 158 22 |
| 1867 | Sarah L. Lawrence | " | " " | | 1,017 57 | | | 17 74 | 1,035 31 | 54 74 | | 52 79 | 54 74 | 52 79 |
| 1876 | Isaac Spalding | " | " " | | 18,057 40 | | | 314 61 | 18,372 01 | 970 79 | | 936 27 | 970 79 | 936 27 |
| 1964 | Bradford-Long-Miles-Sullivan Scholarship | " | " " | | 10,710 05 | | | 152 21 | 10,862 26 | 210 97 | | 452 98 | 334 97 | 328 98 |
| 1932 | George W. Putnam | Cemetery | " " | | 2,034 73 | | | 35 45 | 2,070 18 | 495 85 | | 201 04 | | 696 89 |
| 1938 | Alice M. Wilkins | " | " " | | 4,069 36 | | | 70 91 | 4,140 27 | 1,000 42 | | 403 38 | | 1,403 80 |
| | Perpetual Care: | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| var | Unrestricted | " | " " | | 10,234 81 | | | 171 05 | 10,405 86 | 2,259 44 | | 960 28 | | 3,219 72 |
| var | Restricted | " | " " | | 87,928 67 | | | 1,469 57 | 89,398 24 | 18,718 28 | | 7,956 97 | 4,159 44 | 22,515 81 |
| TOTAL | COMMON TRUST FUNDS | | | | 162,026 98 | | | 2,708 38 | 164,735 36 | 25,181 88 | | 12,382 78 | 6,991 33 | 30,573 33 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | TOTALS | | | | | | | | | | | |

# Report of the Trust Funds of the City or Town of Amherst on December 31, 19 76

| DATE OF CREATION | NAME OF TRUST FUND List first those trusts invested in a common trust fund | PURPOSE OF TRUST FUND | HOW INVESTED Whether bank deposits, Stocks, bonds, etc. (If common trust — So State) | % | PRINCIPAL | | | | | INCOME | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | Balance Beginning Year | New Funds Created | Gains or (Losses) on Sale of Securities | Capital Gain Dividends | Balance End Year | Balance Beginning Year | INCOME DURING YEAR Percent | INCOME DURING YEAR Amount | Expended During Year | Balance End Year |
| FUNDS | SEPARATELY INVESTED: | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| var | Town of Amherst | Fire Equip | Bank Deposits | | 65,122 39 | 20,000 00 | | | 85,122 39 | 8,478 01 | | 4,012 76 | | 12,490 77 |
| var | " " " | Highway Equip | " " | | 6,000 00 | 18,000 00 | | | 24,000 00 | 785 67 | | 915 35 | | 1,701 02 |
| var | " " " | Recreation | " " | | 1,500 00 | 1,086 35 | | | 413 65 | 183 57 | | 92 28 | | 275 85 |
| var | " " " | Rescue Squad | " " | | | 3,000 00 | | | 3,000 00 | | | 110 75 | | 110 75 |
| var | Josephine Hare | School Library | " " | | 733 00 | | | | 733 00 | 32 77 | | 38 43 | 32 77 | 38 43 |
| var | Town of Amherst | Cemetery Trust | " " | | 3,854 98 | 1,065 00 | | | 4,919 98 | 448 07 | | 232 95 | | 681 02 |
| var | Bradford-Long-Miles-Sullivan Scholarship | School | " " | | 1,016 07 | 174 97 | | | 1,191 04 | | | 49 11 | | 49 11 |
| 1976 | Edward A. Conti Memorial Scholarship Fund | Scholarship | " " | | | 15,000 00 | | | 15,000 00 | | | 145 12 | | 145 12 |
| var | Perpetual Care | Cemetery | " " | | 9,750 00 | 200 00 | | | 9,950 00 | 3,137 50 | | 660 08 | | 3,797 58 |
| TOTAL | SEPARATELY INVESTED FUNDS | | | | 87,976 44 | 56,353 62 | | | 144,330 06 | 13,065 59 | | 6,256 83 | 32 77 | 19,289.65 |
| TOTAL | TRUST FUNDS | | | | 250,003 42 | 56,353 62 | | 2,708 38 | 309,065 42 | 38,247 47 | | 18,639 61 | 7,024 10 | 49,862.98 |
| | | | TOTALS | | | | | | | | | | | |

# Report of The Common Trust Fund Investments of The City or Town of Amherst on December 31, 19 76

| HOW INVESTED | | PRINCIPAL | | | | | INCOME | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NO. OF SHARES OR OTHER UNITS | DESCRIPTION OF INVESTMENT (Names of Banks, Stocks, Bonds, etc.) | Balance Beginning Year | ADDITIONS: Purchases | ADDITIONS: Capital Gains | Proceeds From Sales | Gains or (Losses) From Sales | Balance End Year | Balance Beginning Year | Income During Year | Expended During Year | Balance End Year |
| PRINCIPAL INVESTMENTS: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1576.281 | Broad Street Investing Corporation | 17,248 68 | | 1,138 67 | | | 18,387 35 | | 788 14 | | |
| 3947.812 | Chemical Fund, Inc. | 18,199 21 | | 763 48 | | | 18,962 69 | | 710 66 | | |
| 986.130 | Fidelity Fund, Inc. | 11,971 41 | | | | | 11,971 41 | | 601 54 | | |
| 86.000 | First Financial Group of N.H., Inc. | | | | | | | | 86 00 | | |
| 3531.807 | National Investors Corporation | 14,475 65 | | 484 11 | | | 14,959 76 | | 423 82 | | |
| 1157.409 | T. Rowe Price Growth Stock Fund, Inc. | 10,918 74 | | | | | 10,918 74 | | 267 29 | | |
| 1565.241 | Puritan Fund, Inc. | 14,140 62 | | 322 12 | | | 14,462 74 | | 932 22 | | |
| | Amoskeag Savings Bank | 34,492 53 | | | | | 34,492 53 | | 1,732 10 | | |
| | Milford Cooperative Bank | 1,680 14 | | | | | 1,680 14 | | 92 14 | | |
| | Souhegan National Bank | 3,800 00 | | | | | 3,800 00 | | 195 13 | | |
| | U.S. Treasury Bonds - $35,000 - 6 3/8 - 1982 | 35,000 00 | | | | | 35,000 00 | | 2,231 26 | | |
| | Souhegan National Bank - checking account | 100 00 | | | | | 100 00 | | | | |
| TOTAL PRINCIPAL INVESTMENTS | | 162,026 98 | | 2,708 38 | | | 164,735 36 | | 8,060 19 | | |
| INCOME INVESTMENTS: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 562.021 | Fidelity Fund, Inc. | 6,896 34 | | | | | 6,896 34 | | 342 83 | | |
| 100.000 | Mobil Oil Corporation | 3,994 37 | | | 5,849 80 | 1,855 43 | | | 2,025 43 | | |
| | New Hampshire Savings Bank | 9,947 07 | 9,715 74 | | | | 19,662 81 | | 715 74 | | |
| 100.000 | Standard Oil Co. of California | 2,604 39 | | | 3,737 98 | 1,133 59 | | | 1,238 59 | | |
| | Souhegan National Bank - checking account | 1,739 71 | 2,274 47 | | | | 4,014 18 | | | | |
| TOTAL INCOME INVESTMENTS | | 25,181 88 | 11,990 21 | | 9,587 78 | 2,989 02 | 30,573 33 | | 4,322 59 | | |
| TOTAL COMMON TRUST FUND INVESTMENTS | | 187,208 86 | 11,990 21 | 2,708 38 | 9,587 78 | 2,989 02 | 195,308 69 | | 12,382 78 | | |
| | TOTALS | | | | | | | | | | |

# *Tree Committee Report*

The functions of the Amherst Tree Committee are to oversee the care and maintenance of the trees and shrubs on the Commons, Streets and other Town owned land in the village; to select specimens for planting and to recommend and implement the removal and replacement of plants lost to damage, disease and age.

Once again this year, at no cost to the Town, trees which threatened utility lines were taken down by the Public Service Company. We recognize the co-existence of trees and wires as a continuing problem, one which we will attempt to minimize in the future by planting varieties of trees which will not outgrow the space in which they are planted. A mixed selection of deciduous flowering and shade trees and a few evergreen trees and shrubs have been ordered for spring planting. Some of these are replacements for trees removed this year; two are replacements for the memorial trees on the common by Moulton's.

The diligent and capable maintenance of lawns on the Town Commons by Road Agent, Richard Crocker, and his crew contributes greatly to the appearance of the village. However, the time is rapidly approaching when a decision must be made concerning the lawn on the oval common or Village Green. It is becoming a Town forest in which growing grass is neither easy nor practical.

We strongly support and approve the efforts of the Historic District Commission to have the web of overhead wires and cables in town put underground, particularly those above the newly renovated common across from Moulton's store. Their presence has caused the mutilation of fine specimen trees.

Recognition and thanks is due the citizens of the village who have nurtured and maintained the trees and shrubs on their own property. We gratefully acknowledge their contribution to our purpose.

ANNE COLBY HINES

JOSEPH A. LUONGO

# *Amherst Town Library Trustees' Report*

The Amherst Town Library in the year 1976, continues to reflect the steady growth in our town. We had 753 new patrons register this year.

This year air-conditioning was installed and storm windows were added. Both were needed and certainly made the working conditions of the staff more comfortable and the browsing hours of the patrons more enjoyable.

At Town Meeting last March, the Library was granted $1,500.00 from the Revenue Sharing Fund. This was to be used to upgrade and add to our collection. Two of the Trustees are reviewing sections of the collection and, by referring to the Standard Catalog and other resource materials, are suggesting new titles for consideration.

We are grateful to Mr. Ryland Cox who is a carpenter, an electrician, a furniture mover, a painter, a bulb changer, all rolled into one. He and Mr. Johnson do most of the odd jobs around the Library.

The Book Selection Committee spends many hours reading Library Journal, Publishers' Weekly, Booklist, New York Times Book Review, newspaper and magazine reviews, and visits many book stores selecting books and materials for our patrons. Suggestions are always welcome.

Our new draperies are a gift from the Friends of the Amherst Library. The Friends are an energetic group whose activities include story hour, a book and bake sale, book mending, decorating, book discussion, and a membership coffee. The Officers and Chairpersons are: Evelyn Dudley, Joan Hoxie, Cathy D'Agostino, Carol Ritchie, Dorene Taylor, Margaret Gray, Tinney Bacon, Jean Pituck, Kay Simoes, Sue Blakeman, Barbara Enright, and Margaret O'Riordan. The Trustees appreciate all they do.

With the co-operation of the Amherst School Board, a summer branch library at the Middle School was open two afternoons and one evening each week, and has been well received by the people in that area.

In December, Mrs. Rachel Sanborn, District Consultant from the State Library, spent a day at our Library giving

suggestions for the best use of available space and ideas for future expansion.

Our special thanks go to our staff. They are: Betty Watson, Librarian; Cele Clough, Marion Williston, Sally Suomala, and Jody Allen, Assistant Librarians; Connie George, Page Typist; and Sue Berlack and Karen Hoxie, Pages. These people make our Library the friendly place that it is and give excellent service to our patrons.

The Board of Trustees meets on the second Tuesday of each month. In addition to these meetings, they also attend State Library meetings, special workshops and District meetings.

The Trustees wish to thank all those people who have donated books, magazines and gifts that others also may enjoy, and we are grateful to the people of Amherst for their interest and support.

Respectfully submitted, Board of Trustees:

RYLAND COX
E. DANIEL JOHNSON
BETTY LYLE
LUCY RAMSAY
JANICE SHETHAR
CONNIE WOOLFORD

# *Amherst Town Library*
# *Librarian's Report*

**Circulation Statistics for 1976:**

| | |
|---|---|
| Adult Fiction | 18,894 |
| Adult Non-Fiction | 12,066 |
| Juvenile | 21,276 |
| Magazines | 6,951 |
| Art Prints | 35 |
| Puzzles | 271 |
| Records | 2,781 |
| Inter-Library Loans | 895 |
| Loans to Non-residents using the Statewide Library Card | 965 |
| Films | 61 |
| Grand Total | 64,195 |

This total is a gain of 2,031 over last year's total circulation. 753 new patrons were registered in 1976.

**Book Collection:**

We purchased 1,604 new books in 1976 and added an additional 329 through donations or memorial gifts. The breakdown of new books is:

| | |
|---|---|
| Adult Fiction | 570 |
| Adult Non-Fiction | 771 |
| Juvenile Fiction, including Picture Books | 323 |
| Juvenile Non-Fiction | 269 |

331 books were withdrawn from the collection due to obsolescence, loss, damage or wear. Our book collection now stands at: Adult 11,955; Juvenile 5,030; Total 16,985.

**Magazines and Newspapers:**

New magazines subscribed to this year are: Architectural Digest; Blair and Ketchum's Country Journal; and Psychology Today, making a total of 60 periodical subscriptions. We also receive an additional 17 periodicals as gifts.

We receive the following newspapers: Sunday New York Times; Wall Street Journal; Boston Herald American; New Hampshire Times; and the Milford Cabinet.

**Recordings:**

Our record collection consists of 104 recordings for children and 438 for adults and young adults. Total — 542.

**Johnson Meeting Room:**

57 library meetings, workshops and programs took place in the Meeting Room. Various town organizations held 158 meetings, making a total of 215 times the room was booked.

**Middle School Summer Library:**

For the second year, the Amherst School System and the Town Library cooperated in opening the Middle School Library for public use during 9 weeks of the summer. Mrs. Donald Carper was hired to be in charge, assisted by eight students who served on a rotating schedule as pages and A-V aides.

In addition to the Tuesday and Thursday afternoon openings, Wednesday evening was added to the schedule. Response to this service was gratifying. 177 adults and children registered to use the Summer Library. Books circulated as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| Adult Fiction | 112 |
| Juvenile Fiction | 1,015 |
| Juvenile Non-Fiction | 272 |
| Total | 1,399 |

Filmstrips, cassettes and records were used and enjoyed in the Library.

**Summer Reading Program:**

There was very active participation in the Reading Programs at both the Town Library and the Middle School Summer Library. This program encourages reading for pleasure during the summer vacation, which helps children retain the reading skills they have developed during the school year and allows them to become better acquainted with the library staff and resources.

137 children enrolled at the Town Library and 46 at the Middle School. 101 children (71 at the Town Library and 30 at the Middle School) completed four or more books and were rewarded with a film program and refreshments at the Johnson Meeting Room.

**Other Activities:**

The Wednesday morning Pre-School Story Hours were enthusistically received throughout the winter, spring and fall, when they were conducted by volunteer mothers, who read or told stories, led singing games and finger plays, and held simple craft programs. These activities help the younger children enjoy books and reading and simple group activities.

Films were shown at some of these programs, and the library staff also held a four-week Summer Story Hour with films during July.

In the summer, the library also cooperated with the Recreation Department in obtaining children's films for showing at the Baboosic Lake Pavilion and in the library's Johnson Meeting Room.

Many, many volunteers have helped in a wide variety of ways to make the Amherst Library a pleasant and useful community institution. We wish to express our thanks to all those who have worked so willingly and also to those who have donated books, magazines and records to our collection or to the Friends of the Library Book Sale, which raises money for various library improvements. The beautiful new library drapes were made possible this past year through the Friends' money raising activity.

We look forward to meeting your library needs successfully in 1977 and also are seeking ways to make better use of our existing facilities to offer you more complete library service in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

BETTY WATSON, Librarian

# *Amherst Town Library*
# *Treasurer's Report*

**For Year Ending January 3, 1977**

INCOME

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash balance 1-1-76 | $ 1,039 85 |
| From Town Trust Funds | 1,143 29 |
| Town Appropriation | 38,115 00 |
| Revenue Sharing for Books | 1,500 00 |
| From Fines, lost books, gifts | 1,642 44 |
| Sam & Alys Warren Book Fund | 31 15 |
| Sale of old record player | 40 00 |
| From Friends of the Library for drapes | 882 30 |
| | $44,394 03 |

EXPENDITURES

| | Spent 1976 | Budget 1977 |
|---|---|---|
| Librarians' Salaries | $23,181 21 | $26,077 00 |
| Custodian | 1,434 00 | 1,560 00 |
| Mid. Sch. Summer Lib. | 475 50 | 500 00 |
| Books | 10,199 83 | 7,900 00 |
| Magazines | 561 10 | 600 00 |
| Records | 249 71 | 350 00 |
| Supplies, bindings | 1,542 08 | 1,400 00 |
| Lights | 1,195 09 | 1,300 00 |
| Heat & Air Cond. | 1,368 98 | 1,700 00 |
| Phone | 361 02 | 420 00 |
| Bldg. Grnds. | 831 68 | 850 00 |
| Miscellaneous | 598 49 | 500 00 |
| Architectural Study | | 500 00 |
| | $41,998 69 | $43,657 00 |
| Drapes | 882 30 | |
| Double Windows | 474 75 | |
| Humidification | 290 00 | |
| Four bookcases | 469 60 | |
| Total Expense 1976 | $44,115 34 | |
| Cash balance 1-3-77 | $ 278 69 | |

E. DANIEL JOHNSON, Treasurer
Amherst Town Library Trustees

## Funds Held by Library Trustees

| | |
|---|---|
| In Amherst Bank & Trust Co. | |
| Past Gifts by Anna Mosher | $ 800 00 |
| Gift Honora Spalding | 500 00 |
| Jennifer Carlsmith Memorial (bal.) | 130 02 |
| Laura & James Wanless Memorial (bal.) | 690 67 |
| Accumulated Dividends | 235 07 |
| | $2,355 76 |
| In Souhegan NOW Account | |
| Anna Mosher Boardman, stock sold | $3,633 25 |
| Dividends | 128 31 |
| | $3,761 56 |
| Air Conditioning installed | 3,123 14 |
| 1-3-77 Balance | $ 638 42 |
| In Souhegan NOW Account | |
| Fines balance 1-3-77 | $1,296 17 |
| Dividends | 65 79 |
| Total balance Fines Acct. | $1,361 96 |
| In Souhegan NOW Account | |
| Copy Machine profits for amortization | $2,717 35 |
| Dividends | 120 96 |
| Total towards amortization | $2,838 31 |

Town Trust Officers hold for Trustees, 59 shares MIT stock in Sam & Alys Warren Book Fund, also 155 shares AVCO stock, gift of Anna Mosher Boardman on Dec. 22, 1976.

E. DANIEL JOHNSON, Treasurer

# *Auditors' Report*

We have examined the accounts of the following Town Officers: Selectmen, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Tax Collector, Road Agent, Trustees of Trust Funds, Treasurer of Library, and find them correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

ORSON H. BRAGDON
MAURICE MARTEL

# *Report of Town Audit*

## FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING FUNDS

### Statement of Revenue, Expenditure, Encumbrances and Fund Balance

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Funds 1-1-76 | | $13,777 38 |
| Added Revenues: | | |
| Entitlement Payments | $36,752 00 | |
| Interest | 1,243 44 | |
| Total Available | | $51,772 82 |
| Less Expenditures: | | |
| Operating and Maintenance | 20,175 00 | |
| Capital Expenditures: | | |
| Truck | 8,000 00 | |
| Cruiser | 4,259 42 | |
| Other: Books | 1,500 00 | |
| | | 33,934 42 |
| Cash Available | | $17,838 40 |
| Less: Encumbrances 12-31-75 | | |
| Public Safety – Cruiser | $ 4,500 00 | |
| Unexpended Bal. | 434 00 | |
| | | 4,934 00 |
| Available Unobligated Funds | | $12,904 40 |

# *Board of Adjustment*

The Board of Adjustment had a rather marked increase in activity during 1976. This was the result of zoning changes to the ordinance voted at the 1976 Town Meeting and a general increase in the number of people requesting Home Occupations.

The Board of Adjustment met 15 times during 1976 and considered 650 applications, 18 more than 1975. The summary is as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| Special Exceptions | |
| Approved | 17 |
| Denied | 5 |
| Total | 22 |
| Variances | |
| Approved | 14 |
| Denied | 12 |
| Total | 26 |
| Temporary Use Permits | |
| Approved | 2 |
| Denied | 0 |
| Total | 2 |

A further breakdown of the special exceptions show:

| | |
|---|---|
| Home Occupations | 16 |
| Cardiac Rehabilitation Center | 1 |
| Barber Shop | 1 |
| Professional Office | 1 |
| Private School (Nursery Sch.) | 1 |
| Retirement Development | 1 |
| Veterinary Clinic | 1 |

The Veterinary Clinic and 4 Home Occupations were denied.

The Summary of Variances involved subjects as listed below:

| | | Denied | Approved |
|---|---|---|---|
| Signs | 4 | 2 | 2 |
| Non-Standard Subdivisions | 7 | 4 | 3 |
| Lot Line/Set Backs | 5 | 0 | 5 |
| Add in to nonconforming structure | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Apartment | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Bank | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Extra house on lot | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Veterinary Clinic | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Mobile Home Park | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Home Occupation Exterior Changes | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Road closed subject to gates & bars | 1 | 1 | 0 |

A significant modification to Board of Adjustment procedures involved notification of all abuttors by registered mail, return receipt requested on all cases. This is in compliance with State Law which also directs that the cost of mailings, advertising and preparation is to be borne by the applicant. The Selectmen, as a result, set a new structure of $20.00 per application, plus $1.50 per abuttor beyond 6.

Respectfully submitted by the 1976
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Arnold C. Dickinson, Chairman
Roger M. Brown, Vice Chairman
C. Thomas Carson, Secretary
Russell T. Steeves
Rosemary Daly

# *Zoning Administrator's Report*

## 1976

The addition of a full time Building Inspector has helped a great deal to be able to perform the required inspections associated with the growth we have seen this year. This growth has been of two types. First, more and more inspections are required due to changes in regulations at both State and Town levels. For example, since May of this year, three permits (driveway, septic system and building permit) are required for each new house. Second, significantly more permits were issued this year than during any previous year.

A total of 785 permits of all types were issued during the year, with 180 of these being for new houses. Although precise records were not kept, over 5,000 inspections of various types were performed. Approximately 78 meetings were attended during the year, plus several Dredge and Fill hearings, etc., in Concord, were also attended.

Good progress has been made in our effort to get all our old files in order. The improved Water Pollution Control Regulations are helping a great deal to provide more reliable septic systems. A much better working relationship has been established between the Fire Department and the Building Inspector to administer the 101 Life Safety Code so as to provide safer commercial and industrial buildings.

## ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

| Permit Type | 1976 # | 1976 $ Value | 1975 # | 1975 $ Value | 1974 # | 1974 $ Value |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| New Dwellings | 180 | 8,500,000 | 97 | 4,118,230 | 65 | 3,063,810 |
| Public Bldg. | 0 | —— | 1 | 47,000 | 0 | —— |
| Comm. & Ind. | 11 | 675,450 | 5 | 308,000 | 9 | 509,500 |
| Add. & Alt. | 99 | 371,810 | 93 | 395,750 | 82 | 288,404 |
| Gar. & Barns | 14 | 68,500 | 21 | 86,900 | 26 | 109,650 |
| Utility Bldg. | 14 | 50,765 | 12 | 6,250 | 6 | 2,289 |
| Fences | 20 | 10,650 | 30 | 11,150 | 20 | 5,950 |
| Pools | 20 | 77,900 | 16 | 45,000 | 19 | 57,985 |
| Signs | 13 | 2,890 | 17 | 2,920 | 13 | 3,260 |
| Home Occupations | 9 | —— | 14 | —— | 6 | —— |
| Earth Removal | 2 | —— | 3 | —— | 3 | 3,000 |
| New Septic | 184 | 317,100 | 49 | 68,600 | — | —— |
| Septic Repairs | 42 | 43,810 | 48 | 38,750 | 18 | 23,425 |
| Driveways | 161 | —— | — | —— | — | —— |
| Misc. | 16 | 38,000 | 9 | 9,600 | 0 | —— |
| Totals | 785 | 10,156,875 | 415 | 5,138,150 | 267 | 4,067,273 |
| Income | | $35,578.83 | | $15,968.75 | | $10,253.90 |
| Expenses | | $22,316.95 | | $13,894.25 | | $10,839.18 |

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT J. BARTON, Zoning Administrator

# *Planning Board*

The year 1976 was a significant one for the Planning Board. Prior to the March Town Meeting the Board was active, with members of its Sounding Board, explaining the new Master Plan to the town, including the proposed zoning changes which would put the first teeth in the Plan. The town approved most of the recommended zoning changes by large majorities and voted funds to continue the master planning process. The planning process in 1976 has dealt primarily with a fair means to cope with the unprecedented growth which the town has recently experienced and can be expected to experience in future years. The Board met with other interested groups in town and within the region to hear their views and receive reports on the impact of growth on taxes, school construction, road construction, the environment, industrial development, the building industry, and real estate interests. From all of these conferences and reports a concensus emerged to the effect that some means of setting a maximum and predictable rate of growth was essential to carry out the goals and purposes of the Master Plan.

During the last quarter of 1976 the Board prepared proposed changes to the Zoning Ordinance which would set a maximum growth rate equal to that experienced by the town over the past six years. In addition to breaking new ground in planned growth, the Board developed and is proposing refinements of earlier planning efforts.

Parallel with this long range planning work, the Board performed its customary duties in the technical review of many requested subdivisions. This process, at times laborious and often controversial, served to reinforce the Board's concensus that a planned rate of growth which is fairly and evenly administered is in the best interests of the town.

SCOTT SUTHERLAND, Chairman
ROBERT CROUTER, Vice Chairman
ROGER SMITH, Secretary — JAMES SHILDNECK
ROBERT SUOMALA — HERBERT KOPF
ANN SNOW, ex-officio
FREDERICK PORTER, first alternate
DOUGLAS KIRKWOOD, second alternate

# *Amherst Conservation Commission*

The Amherst Conservation Commission had a busy, productive and sometimes frustrating year in 1976. We have continued our work to protect wetland and watershed areas, acquire land for the good of the town and improve our present holdings for recreational use.

The Commission gratefully accepted 12 acres of wetlands from Eleanor Ross, donated in memory of her husband, Minot J. Ten acres of wetlands were also generously donated to the town by Warren Luby. Considerable effort was expended by the Conservation Commission to obtain the land for which funds were authorized at town meeting, 1976. However, it was impossible to negotiate a reasonable price with the owner and funds were, therefore, returned to the town. The Commission proposes in a 1977 warrant article that $25,000 be allocated for land acquisition, the land to be used for conservation purposes. Recent development pressures reveal that outright purchase by the town is an important way to insure protection of ecologically valuable lands.

The Amherst Conservation Commission was very proud as one of its founding members, Betty Arnold, was chosen as Amherst Citizen of the Year. Every resident of Amherst is indebted to Betty for her tireless efforts to minimize the impact of development on the town's natural resources.

As part of our obligation, the Commission has acted on many Dredge and Fill Applications, advising the State Special Board of our views. While frequently frustrated, we were successful in halting several housing construction activities which would have caused serious damage to the land. The Selectmen were also advised of our views and the environmental consequences of earth removal operations (stripping of topsoil).

The Conservation Commission's Fourth of July booth on the village green included displays on forest tree species, ferns, lichens, mosses and mushrooms, and birds and their nests. The story of the American Chestnut was explained, and a children's corner set up to introduce youngsters to the plant and animal species that live around Amherst. The final display dealt with the results of overpopulation, a problem facing Amherst, the United States and the world.

For the tenth consecutive year, the Commission sponsored several residents' attendance to the Conservation Summer Camp run by the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests. Teachers Joy Hamilton, Donna Lewandowski and student Scott Chrane attended this year. The Conservation Commission will also be the sponsor of Boy Scout Troop 22.

Work on our present land holdings continued with the clearing and marking of several new trails in Joe English West. Plans are underway for the establishment of a wild flower garden in the Joe English Reservation. The construction and maintenance of wood duck nesting boxes continues throughout the town. The Conservation Commission hopes to work with the newly created Amherst Land Trust to acquire land within the town.

The Amherst Conservation Commission will continue its efforts to serve the town citizens and protect our natural resources.

ALICE E. ARNOLD, Co-chairman
WALLACE WARREN, Co-chairman
ELISABETH BARRETT
WILLIAM GOODWILL
MICHAEL GRUBB
CHARLES TIEDMANN
WILLIAM WEATHERBEE

# *Amherst Recreation Commission*

For the Amherst Recreation Commission 1976 was marked by new programs, increased participation in old activities, and the development of bigger and better plans to meet the recreational needs of all ages within the community.

Programs and activities were directly administred by the Town Director of Recreation, Pete Houston. This was the first full year that Amherst had a Recreation Director. Benefits derived from the position have been numerous, including:

1. It has centralized the organizing, directing, and coordinating of youth athletic programs, coaches, and officials.

2. It has allowed for more control in the purchase, care, and maintenance of recreation equipment and supplies.

3. An ongoing program of publicity, including releases to the media, has become possible to keep people better informed of what is happening in recreation for the community.

4. A person is available at all times to communicate with the Commission and residents of the community about programs and activities and the recreational needs and desires within the town of Amherst. As a result programs can be developed or refined to meet changing needs.

5. It has permitted a more thorough process of screening, hiring, and directing of staff and overseeing of facilities of Baboosic Lake Park.

Athletic programs sponsored by the Commission were enjoyed by hundreds of boys and girls and men and women during the year. Close to 100 adults participated in winter men's basketball and men's and women's volleyball at the Middle School. Registrations for traditional youth programs included basketball (161), baseball (278), and girls' softball (96). Commission sponsored tennis lessons in the spring, summer and fall attracted 175 town residents of all ages.

New programs in 1976 proved very popular in a number of areas: Summer Teen Soccer (45), fall co-ed Youth Soccer (127), Summer Youth Playground (183), and summer movies

held at Baboosic Lake and the Town Library (268). Indoor golf instruction, youth ski lessons, and a village summer crafts program were enjoyed by 40 additional registrants. Thanks to the care given by village fathers and the Amherst Highway Department, the village skating rink was as popular as ever during the winter months.

The Town tennis courts on Davis Lane were completed and bids received for two additional courts to be constructed at the Middle School. The new courts are expected to be completed in time for use in the coming summer.

In conjunction with agreements reached with the Amherst School Board, the Commission accepted full responsibility for (1) administering town athletic fields previously under the School Board's jurisdiction and (2) implementing the Amherst Adult Education program. Both came under the overall supervision of the Town Director of Recreation. In the fall the Commission announced plans for a community Theatre Program to be conducted for all ages.

Few seasons at Baboosic Lake Park have been as busy and successful as 1976. A total of 302 families representing over 1300 individuals of all ages, as well as 375 guests, held membership or visited the beach in 1976. One of the highlights of the summer was construction of a dock.

The new structure was planned and conceived by the Baboosic Lake Advisory Committee, completely financed by fund raising events initiated by volunteers, and constructed by Committee members with the help and cooperation of the Amherst Jaycees. One of its greatest impacts was on the swim team. It allowed a record total of over 50 boys and girls an opportunity to train and develop a well rounded squad to represent Baboosic Lake against swim teams and clubs in southern N.H.

With the dock and a dedicated staff of 5 qualified instructors, the program of swim lessons took on new dimensions in 1976. Small classes held daily in three separate summer sessions resulted in 480 registrants receiving instruction. Additional waterfront programs included water ballet and life saving.

Over 100 children participated in the Pavilion Arts & Crafts program. Other popular indoor events included traditional town dances sponsored by the Police and Fire Departments, the Rescue Squad, and the Recreation Commis-

sion, a Teen Dance, a Family Square Dance, afternoon children's movies, and Open Nights for teenagers. A Family Day of swimming events, games, and picnicking and the annual Recreation Commission Steak Cookout also drew large crowds to the beach.

The Recreation Commission foresees a busy year to come:

1. Renovating existing playing fields around town to include among other things new baseball and softball diamonds and backstops.
2. Offering more recreational programs and activities for all citizens, particularly for those who are not taking advantage of the current programs.
3. Enlisting the help of more volunteers in coaching, officiating, and directing recreational programs.
4. Developing programs and combining resources with other area communities.

Thanks to the effort and cooperation of the Amherst School Board and Amherst school administrators, school custodians, the Board of Selectmen, Town Hall personnel, the Amherst Highway Department, the Town Library, and the multitude of parents who served in youth programs during the various seasons, 1976 was a banner year for your Recreation Commission.

BRUCE FRASER, Chairman
SUSAN KIERSTEAD
MARY SPARKS
CLARK STEWART
CARL WHEELER

Amherst Recreation Commission

# *Department of Civil Preparedness*

**Report — 1976**

The Department of Civil Preparedness has worked this year to increase the town's Emergency Operations Plan with most effort going into the area of communications and the Emergency Operations Center.

The duty of the Department of Civil Preparedness is to prepare the town for major emergencies. This is done by having an up to date Emergency Operations Plan and an Emergency Operations Center. The purpose of the EOP is to prepare the town for a major catastrophy by organizing the town's resources, setting goals for future levels of preparedness, and obtaining additional resources where possible. The EOP assigns emergency functions to departments, agencies and community organizations of the town, is an up to date inventory of departmental resources and equipment, and a guide for department heads to use for training and planning.

The Emergency Operations Center, located on the 2nd floor of the Brick School, is an area set up with maps, displays, marking systems, communications equipment and supplies necessary for the department heads to keep track of their men and equipment during an emergency situation.

## Amherst Rescue Squad

The Rescue Squad has seen a 40% increase in calls: 303 for 1976, as compared with 211 calls in 1975.

| | 1976 | 1975 | 1974 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Highway accidents | 56 | 34 | 37 |
| Home accidents | 52 | 63 | 31 |
| Home illnesses | 136 | 75 | 40 |
| Fires | 12 | 23 | 10 |
| Miscellaneous | 47 | 13 | 7 |
| Transports to hospital | 262 | 157 | 28 |
| Total number of people assisted | 313 | 204 | 125 |

There are presently 42 active members of the Squad from Amherst. Of these, 23 are Emergency Medical Technicians. The Board of Selectmen has authorized the Squad to increase its membership to 50, enabling complete coverage during times of vacations, leaves of absence and resignations (16 members resigned during 1976). It takes four to six months to train and license a new member.

The Squad is supported by town funds and by donations. There is no charge for the service to any person receiving care. All members are volunteers. The service is for emergencies ONLY and can not be used for transfer or non-emergencies, as this would leave the town uncovered for true emergencies.

ROY E. MASTON, Director, Civil Preparedness

# *Amherst American Revolution Bicentennial Committee*

During 1976, The Amherst American Revolution Bicentennial Committee was more active than in 1974 and 1975. We were involved within the three activity areas begun in 1974.

HERITAGE: More than 2,700 Amherst citizens signed the scrolls which were part of the National Scroll Pilgrimage to Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. The wagon used to carry the scrolls from all the cities and towns in New Hampshire visited Amherst and was on display at the Wilkins and Middle Schools and the Town Common on May 25. The graveyard mapping, a project begun last year, continued with painstaking deliberation. The maps are complete and one now hangs in the interior of the Town Hall. The clock in the second floor of the Town Hall has been restored and is now in perfect working order.

FESTIVAL: During the Fourth of July Celebration, we sponsored a float in the parade, participated in the National Bell Ringing, and held the annual Arts and Crafts Show. In order to defray the cost of some of our activities, the committee sold many items including; patches, medal pendants and keychains, and stationery each depicting the Amherst Bicentennial Logo, chances on the Old Glory Paperweight. A reprint was made of the Amherst Bicentennial Booklet containing pictures and history of Amherst, past and present.

HORIZON: In May, the Committee participated in the week-long Bicentennial week at the Middle School. Bunting was purchased for the Town Hall, Library, Brick School, and the two Fire Stations. Two hundred seedlings were planted at the South Fire Station. Our biggest project was the landscaping at the World War I Common.

The Committee is most grateful for many hours of help from the Highway Department, Tree Committee, Selectmen, and the Police Department. Each of us on the Committee

has given much time and effort toward making Amherst's Bicentennial years meaningful and memorable and we thank the townspeople for their cooperation and suggestions.

THOMAS P. GRELLA, Chairman

Joe Hoag
Kathy Magill
Dot Davis
Audrey Spalding
Roz Buchanan
Mary Steeves
Theresa Greenblatt
Effa Wishart
Bob Wishart
Larry Starke
Joyce Kenne
Phil Trasatti
Peter Bergin
Bob Crouter
Hon. Nelle Holmes
Hon. G. Winthrop Brown
Edwin F. Locke

# *Historic District Commission*

The Historic District Commission considered and approved 14 applications for building permits during 1976. Twelve (12) of these applications were for alterations to the exterior of existing residences and two (2) were for new residences, reflecting the fact that there are very few available locations for new buildings in the District. The great majority of these are on the periphery of the District.

It is a source of satisfaction to the Commission that the alterations proposed have enhanced both the appearance and the value of the buildings involved, thus being beneficial both aesthetically and economically.

G. WINTHROP BROWN, Chairman
BARBARA BERLACK
ANNA JONES
THOMAS GRELLA
ROBERT CROUTER

## COMMUNITY COUNCIL, INC.
### Services Provided Amherst
### October 1975 through September 1976

During the twelve month period of October 1975 through September 1976 there were 61 Amherst residents provided with mental health services from Community Council. Of these, 33 were new admissions: 2.3% of the total new admissions served during the period. These 33 new Amherst admissions showed no increase nor decrease over the 1975 twelve month period yet showed a 94.1% increase over 1974.

While Amherst residents represent 2.3% of clinic clients, Amherst residents represents 6.1% of the population of Community Council's catchment area.

Cost to provide outpatient services was $29.24 per patient per direct service hour. Average outpatient fee charged the Amherst clients where insurance would not cover was $7.32 per patient per direct service hour. Average number of outpatient visits was 8.3. Total cost for providing Amherst clients with 506 direct service outpatient hours was $14,795.44.

No Amherst residents received inpatient care.

Two Amherst residents were served by Community Council's Partial Hospitalization Program. These clients participated in the program for a total of 623 hours or 89 days at a cost to this program of $3,115.00

Although no demographic breakdown on the Emergency Program exists, estimates project 2.3% of the total number of people requiring this service come from Amherst. Assumption is made on the basis of overall patient participation from Amherst on the Community Council's population. Projected cost for the service . . . $1,039.51.

Summary

| | |
|---|---|
| Adult and Children Outpatient Services | $14,795 44 |
| Inpatient Services | 0 |
| Partial Hospitalization Services | 3,115 00 |
| Emergency Services | 1,039 51 |
| Total Cost for Amherst | $18,949 95 |

# *Souhegan Nursing Association*

We are writing to you to explain the services of the Souhegan Community Nursing Association. The Services are available to all persons in the three communities of Amherst, Mont Vernon and Milford, regardless of their ability to pay. The fee for those able to pay is one dollar per visit.

The services available in the home are care of the chronically ill, aged and injured. Visits to new mothers and handicapped persons, and teaching the care of the sick to responsible family members.

Office visits may be made at the Association from 9 A.M. to 10 A.M. for blood pressure checks or injections ordered by a physician. Immunization clinics are held monthly, the first Tuesday of each month. A Well Child Clinic is held the same day and children are seen by a Pediatrician by appointment. Dental clinics are held twice a year for children 3 to 5 years of age. Blood pressure checks are done, the last Thursday of each month at the Elderly Nutrition Meals, in the Knights of Columbus Hall. We will be holding Adult Health Screenings every three years.

We also loan hospital equipment free of charge, such as beds, crutches, canes, commodes, wheel chairs, etc.

Last year there were 592 visits made to 72 patients in Amherst. This year's total has not been completed as yet.

# *Amherst Town Government Study Committee Report*

The Government Study Committee established in 1975 as a Standing Committee is charged to conduct a continual study of all aspects of town government and make appropriate recommendations as deemed necessary to the Annual Town Meeting. The Committee consists of five members appointed by the Town Moderator.

This year the Committee has three recommendations for your consideration at the Annual Town Meeting in March. Two of the items pertain to the office of Town Clerk and will appear as Warrant Articles. The third concerns semi-annual tax billing.

First, we recommend that the term of Town Clerk be three years instead of the current one. It is our opinion that a one year term does not provide the desired continuity from one year to the next or allow a sufficient amount of time for a newly elected person to become fully acquainted with the job. Passage of this article this year will insure that the terms of Town Clerk and Tax Collector are staggered.

Secondly, we recommend that the Town Clerk be paid a set salary rather than the current system of a salary plus fees. It is our opinion that every town position should have a known income level. The Town Clerk's position is the only town job which does not have a published income. On the current salary plus fees system, the Town Clerk's income is in direct proportion to the population. As the population increases, the work increases and the fees increase. This cycle continues to a point where one person is not able to handle the work load. The town then provides clerical assistance at separate expense to meet peak work loads. In such instances, the fees continue to be paid to the Town Clerk.

It is the opinion of the Committee that the most equitable system is to have the Town Clerk paid a salary, have the fees revert to the Town, and have the Board of Selectmen provide clerical help as is deemed necessary to give the desired level of service to the taxpayers.

Thirdly, the Government Study Committee supports the

semi-annual form of tax billing as provided for under N.H. RSA 76:15a and 15b. This is a fiscally sound policy that would substantially reduce the amount to be borrowed and the length of time of such borrowing. It is our recommendation that this matter be fully explained at the Annual Town Meeting.

The Committee continues to meet with groups such as the School Board, the Ways and Means Committee, the Road Agent, the Planning Board and the Selectmen to discuss topics of mutual interest. Citizens are encouraged to bring to our attention matters they would like studied.

Our thanks go to all those who have helped us during this past year. And a very special thank you is due Joe Hines who served most ably as our chairman.

EVELYN B. DUDLEY, Chairman
DONALD H. DAVIS
BURTON S. KNIGHT
INGRID E. MICHAELIS
PAUL L. SAVAGE

# *Souhegan Regional Landfill District*

The regional landfill site located in Amherst on Route 101 began operation for Amherst residents on November 1, 1975. The new system opened in Brookline and Hollis in March of 1976, in Mont Vernon in April 1976.

For Amherst residents, the mechanics of "going to the dump" have changed very little. The residents of the three sending towns, however, must bag their refuse and carry it across a platform to dump into the hoppers. The District Committee appreciates the cooperation of the Selectmen and the residents of the sending towns who have helped make possible an efficient operation which has allowed the District to complete its first year budget in the black.

The first year was not void of operational and technical problems. Because our regional approach is the first in New Hampshire and perhaps in the nation, we have often had to work extra time in areas of government where there are no precedents. And then, on a more quotidian level, we had a few instances of vandalism, at both the landfill and collection sites, although less than could have reasonably been expected. Hollis and Brookline experienced fires in the compactor trailers, which were controlled by the respective fire departments without extensive damage to the equipment. We have had some theft of accessories from our equipment.

Now, more than ever before, it is apparent that the District Committee, the Selectmen and residents of the member towns should be concerned with the problems of recycling. At the present time, the member towns on a voluntary basis, are recycling newsprint, tires and large metal items. With transportation being the major cost factor, the District Committee's first thought is that recycling projects initiate at the respective member towns' disposal sites. All recommendations relating to the collection and profitable dispersement of recyclable materials will be considered by the District Committee.

CAPITAL INCOME 7-1-75 – 6-30-76

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Capital Notes | $160,000 00 | |
| State of N.H. Grant | 15,000 00 | |
| Total Income | | $175,000 00 |

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES 7-1-75 – 6-30-76

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Tractor | $47,495 55 | |
| Fence | 800 00 | |
| Building | 12,900 34 | |
| Transfer Trailers | 65,600 00 | |
| Platforms | 20,828 90 | |
| Total Expenditures | | 147,624 79 |
| Cash on hand 6-30-76 | | $ 27,375 21 |
| Less Amount due on: | | |
| Transfer Trailers | $20,600 00 | |
| Platforms | 375 00 | |
| | | 20,975 00 |
| BALANCE | | $ 6,400 21 |

OPERATING INCOME 7-1-75 – 6-30-76

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Bank Loan | $ 1,000 00 | |
| Assessments: | | |
| Amherst | 34,799 00 | |
| Brookline | 7,453 25 | |
| Hollis | 17,849 50 | |
| Mont Vernon | 6,140 75 | |
| Hauling Fees | 3,050 00 | |
| Bid Deposits | 160 00 | |
| Permit Fees | 20 00 | |
| Refund Telephone Deposit | 100 93 | |
| Bank Interest | 3,494 52 | |
| Insurance Reimbursement | 34 50 | |
| Total Income | | $ 74,102 45 |

| OPERATING EXPENDITURES 7-1-75 – 6-30-76 | | |
|---|---|---|
| Repayment – Bank Loan | $ 1,000 00 | |
| Administrative Expense | 1,725 54 | |
| Contracted Services | 10,096 77 | |
| Shelter Maintenance | 506 42 | |
| Equipment Maintenance | 1,327 35 | |
| Fuel | 910 82 | |
| Hauling Charges | 2,508 00 | |
| Legal Services | 350 00 | |
| Insurance Premiums | 1,178 00 | |
| Telephone Deposit | 100 00 | |
| Equipment Reserve | | |
| U.S. Treasury Notes | 8,280 69 | |
| Land Rental | 4,000 00 | |
| Interest on Capital Notes | 5,257 76 | |
| Start-up Costs | 22,261 58 | |
| Total Expenditures | | 59,502 93 |
| Cash & U.S. Treasury Notes on hand | | $ 14,599 52 |
| Less following items: | | |
| Prepaid Hauling – 4th quarter | $2,600 00 | |
| Hauling Charges Paid | 1,850 00 | |
| Net Prepaid Hauling | | 750 00 |
| Accrued Interest & Principal on Capital Notes | | 11,922 00 |
| BALANCE | | $ 1,927 52 |

# *Highway Safety Committee*

The Amherst Highway Safety Committee was established on March 16, 1976, and convened its first meeting on March 23, 1976. The members of this committee are:

John T. Osborn, Jr. — Chief of Police

Marshall Strickland — Fire Chief

Roy Maston — Civil Preparedness

Robert Lown — Selectman

Robert H. Prew — Citizen

Richard Crocker — Highway Agent

Ronald L. Pomerleau — School Board Member

The committee has separated the projects into two groups. One dealing with local roads and problem areas which, with assistance, can reduce accidents. The second group are those associated with state highways, and although they may have been previously identified are imminent hazard areas which fortunately have not resulted in fatals yet.

1. LOCAL: A check and replacement of all stop and yield signs which do not conform to Highway Safety Specifications. Receive state approval. This project is 85 percent complete.

2. STATE: Correction of the hazardous intersection at Route 101A and Route 122. Based upon statistics provided by this committee the New Hampshire Public Works reports the priority was upgraded and it's presently advanced to the design stage.

3. LOCAL: Obtain an MR-7 moving radar unit to be utilized by the police for traffic enforcement while maintaining patrol.

This item was purchased through matching funds. The town share donated by a citizen and the New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency providing the other half.

4. STATE: The committee recommended flashing yellow light be installed to signify turning traffic in the hazardous area of the Souhegan Regional Sanitary Landfill on Route 101.

Flashing yellow light installed.

Even with the most sophisticated equipment, increased patrols, and well-maintained highways, Amherst unfortunately had five individuals lose their lives in four automobile accidents. Four of the victims were under twenty years of age. In three of the four accidents the cause was attributed to alcohol and, therefore, might have been avoided. If only others would learn from these mistakes.

JOHN T. OSBORN, JR., Chairman

# *Road Commission Report*

## 1976

The Road Commission has, for many years, been working on the implementing of some control on the location and construction of new driveways, where they join a town road. In the past, some of these new driveways have been costly to the town. A Driveway Ordinance was adopted and became effective in May 1976.

The Road Building Specifications adopted in 1971 are responsible for the best town roads being constructed in the area. The Road Commission and Highway Agent keep a very careful and close check on the building of all the new roads in town. Four or more on-site inspections are made before an okay is given to the Selectmen. The road is then accepted and added to the ever growing town roads system.

The Road Commission has six regularly scheduled meetings a year. There are also numerous problems which come up during the year. These also necessitate discussions or inspections to properly evaluate and solve the matter.

The sand on that part of the landfill area, which is not suitable for cover, is now available to the Highway Department. The sand has been stockpiled for winter maintenance and used on the re-oiling program this past summer.

The bridge on Boston Post Road over the Souhegan River has been the concern of the Road Commission and Highway Agent. This year the consulting engineers of Structural Design Services were retained by the Selectmen. An in depth inspection of the existing bridge was made. This also included borings to determine if any and what kind of footings were under the granite abutments. At this time, two proposals to repair the existing bridge and one to reconstruct the bridge structure have been submitted. There is a fourth study being made which we hope will incorporate greater savings to the town.

Respectfully submitted,

MERIC ARNOLD, Chairman
EVERETT LEACH
HAROLD WARNER

# *Selectmen's Narrative*

At the close of our first year as a Five Member Board, we are pleased to report that the added personnel allowed us to undertake considerable additional work.

The board was able to direct attention to the promulgation of a much needed Personnel Policy for the Town. When the Town was manned by a few part time employees, this hardly seemed necessary. However, we now have 25 full time and 75 part time employees and there is every indication that this number will increase. The need for a uniform policy became pressing. We fully expect that the board will have completed this policy before Town Meeting.

As part of our Bicentennial Tribute, the World War I Common near Moulton's was rebuilt and landscaped.

We have been able to devote more time to fiscal matters. Cooperation with the Town Treasurer allowed for careful investment of surplus funds, resulting in considerable interest income which was used to reduce your tax burden. This prudent fiscal management allowed us to present you with a surplus at the close of fiscal 1976, despite the fact that some $171,000 in existing surplus was used to reduce the tax rate in 1975,

Although the recommendation a year ago that a new bridge be constructed over the Souhegan at the Boston Post Road was not approved, we are again bringing this matter to your attention. In the past few months several automobile accidents, coupled with the urgent need for repairs, have reinforced our opinion that immediate correction of a substandard bridge is in order. Several alternatives will be presented to you at the Town Meeting which will allow you to judge the best action for the Town to take.

The Industrial Water Committee has begun a search for a water supply in the Southern part of our Town. We can not hope to expand the Tax base without a reliable water supply for this area. We are pleased to advise you that we are in the exploratory stages and to date it has not been necessary to expend any Town funds for the project.

Your Board, with the assistance of the Building Study

Committee, are actively investigating the uses to which the existing town buildings can best be put. In connection with these studies we have begun to try to look into the future for the building needs of the Town.

That we are experiencing growing pains is evidenced by the fact that the Zoning Department is functioning in temporary quarters, and the Police Department is fast outgrowing its limited facilities. We hope to have recommendations concerning these matters for your consideration within the year.

The new retirement program authorized by the Town last March, is in effect. It rewards, in some measure, dedicated service of our long time employees, and will undoubtably be a factor in the elimination of turnover.

The new tennis courts on Davis Lane have become a reality and the contract for those to be built near the Middle School has been signed. We have the beginnings of a trial system throughout Town with the necessary easement to insure their perpetuation. More restrictive septic regulations have been adopted by the Selectmen, acting as the Board of Health. Considerable time has been spent in viewing pools, as a result of the Town mandate to fence before July of 1977. We hope we have reached equitable solutions.

Increasingly we are faced with requests to open roads. This is one indication that the town is growing. These requests have been handled individually and successfully through the means of public hearings. We have received the surveys for Thornton Ferry #2, and have the layout of this road high on our priorities for fiscal '77.

With the Nation's Bicentennial year behind us, we would be remiss if we did not make special mention of the exceptional job done by the Fourth of July Committee and of the ongoing efforts of the Bicentennial Committee. The Board is constantly seeking the assistance of willing citizens for many Town positions, and are grateful for the willingness and ability with which every job has been tackled.

Every year we perambulate Town bounds. This year was no exception, as your board walked the Town lines of Milford and Bedford. We have instituted for the first time the position of Dog Officer. We are finding that our canine friends

are increasingly a problem and an expense for the Town. This is a matter which we feel will have to be dealt with in some realistic manner in the very near future.

Before we close, we would like to make mention of Mr. Orson Bragdon who has served the Town well as an auditor for 35 years. Mr. Bragdon, who was also a State Legislator for 20 years, has indicated a desire to step down, with the belief that the business of the Town is large enough to warrant an audit by a professional firm. We appreciate his years of devoted service to Amherst.

Also this year, the Town was fortunate to have been remembered in a generous bequest from the estate of Mr. Edward Conti, who served as a trustee of the trust funds for many years, established by this means an educational foundation. We trust that this fund will grow over the years and allow for the education of many of our outstanding youth.

As the Town grows and tries to retain its character, many of the minor problems become major ones. We are faced continually with challenges in court, major decisions in matters of finance, and the task of making appointments to committees who will assist this Board in its functions. We urgently solicit your assistance, comments, and interest. It is, after all, your Town.

In closing, we would like to thank all employees, department heads, committee chairmen and their committees, other town officers and volunteers, for their able service and continued devotion to their duties.

FRANCIS N. PERRY, Chairman
EDWARD C. MASTEN, Vice Chairman
ANN SNOW
ROBERT LOWN
THOMAS GRELLA

# *Amherst Village District*
# *Warrant*

**The State of New Hampshire**

**The polls will be open at 8:00 p.m.**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Amherst in the County of Hillsboro in said State, qualified to vote in
DISTRICT AFFAIRS

You are hereby notified to meet at Town Hall in said Amherst on Friday, the 11th day of March, next at 8:00 of the clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary District Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray district charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

3. To see if the District will give the Commissioners and District Treasurer the authority to borrow money in anticipation of District Taxes.

4. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 24th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventy-seven.

CARL E. DOANE
ROGER O. TOPLIFFE
HOWARD W. BOOTHROYD
Commissioners of Amherst Village District

A true copy of Warrant – Attest:
CARL E. DOANE
ROGER O. TOPLIFFE
HOWARD W. BOOTHROYD
Commissioners of Amherst Village District

# *Amherst Village District*

The Officers of the District wish to express their appreciation for your cooperation in conserving water last June when the pump output fell to half capacity. The spare pump and motor were installed in the well and no further problems were encountered. Since the single well serves 237 homes you can fully appreciate the need for water conservation in any emergency that involves pump or motor failure.

Early this Spring upgrading of valves and piping was completed. The flowmeter which has been inoperative for several years was rebuilt and is back in service. The comprehensive program started in 1974 to upgrade all piping, monitoring equipment and the electrical control system at the pumphouse has now been completed and a spare pump and motor are kept on hand to expedite emergency repairs.

We regret the passing, in February, of Edward Marchildon who for 16 years served as Superintendent of the District. Commissioner Howard Boothroyd acted as superintendent until John Hanlon was appointed to the position in July, having served for many years as assistant superintendent.

Again we extend our appreciation to John Hanlon and Kay and Ray Kruger for their sustaining interest in maintaining the affairs of the District.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CARL E. DOANE, Chairman
ROGER O. TOPLIFFE
HOWARD W. BOOTHROYD

Commissioners of the Amherst Village District

# *Amherst Village District*
# *Balance Sheet*

**December 31, 1976**

ASSETS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash on Hand: | | |
| (a) General Fund | $ 8,932 69 | |
| From Others: | | |
| Uncollected Water Rents | 5,246 74 | |
| Total Assets | | $14,179 43 |
| Excess of Liabilities over Assets | | 5,820 57 |
| Grand Total | | $20,000 00 |

LIABILITIES

| | |
|---|---|
| Unexpended Balance of Bond and Long Term Note Issues | $20,000 00 |
| Total Liabilities | $20,000 00 |
| Grand Total | $20,000 00 |
| Lands and Buildings | $ 15,000 00 |
| Wells, Pumps, Tanks, etc. | 150,252 71 |
| Total Valuation | $165,252 71 |

# *Amherst Village District*
# *Budget*

**Estimates of Receipts and Expenditures for the coming year**
**January 1 to December 31, 1977**
**Estimates and Actual Receipts and Expenditures for the previous year**
**January 1 to December 31, 1976**

| ACCOUNT | Estimated | Received | Estimated |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash on Hand 1-1-76 | $ 205.74 | $ 205.74 | $ 690.96 |
| Capital Reserve | 10,790.70 | 10,790.70 | 7,741.73 |
| Stock in Manchester Bank | 500.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| | $11,496.44 | $11,496.44 | $ 8,932.69 |
| Income Water Service | | | |
| Prior 4th quarter | $ 5,378.22 | $ 5,378.22 | $ 5,246.74 |
| 1st 3 quarters | 5,100.00 | 5,169.50 | 5,100.00 |
| | $10,478.22 | $10,547.72 | $10,346.74 |
| Other Income | | | |
| to Savings | | $ 273.93 | |
| Hydrant Rental | $ 1,755.00 | 1,755.00 | $ 1,755.00 |
| Precinct Tax | 3,043.03 | 3,043.03 | **4,862.12 |
| Water for pools | | 145.00 | |
| Equipment sold | | 57.00 | |
| Interest | 500.00 | 529.10 | 500.00 |
| | $ 5,298.03 | $ 5,803.06 | $ 7,117.12 |
| TOTALS | $27,272.69 | $27,847.22 | $26,396.55 |
| EXPENDITURES | | | |
| Bonds | $ 5,000.00 | $ 5,000.00 | $ 5,000.00 |
| Interest | 506.25 | 506.25 | 393.75 |
| Supt. Salary | 1,100.00 | 1,200.00 | 1,800.00 |
| Ass't. Supt. Salary | 600.00 | 600.00 | 600.00 |
| Tax Collector's Salary | 200.00 | 200.00 | 200.00 |
| Clerk-Treas. Salary | 800.00 | 800.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Auditors | 20.00 | 20.00 | 20.00 |
| Meters | 600.00 | 303.16 | 600.00 |
| Electricity | 3,200.00 | 3,037.95 | 3,600.00 |
| Operating Sup. Main. | 3,000.00 | 6,760.11 | 3,500.00 |
| Office supplies | 400.00 | 200.06 | 400.00 |
| Insurance | 350.00 | 287.00 | 350.00 |
| Cash on Hand | 205.74 | 690.96 | 690.96 |
| Stock | 500.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| Capital Reserve | 10,790.70 | 7,741.73 | 7,741.73 |
| TOTALS | $27,272.69 | $27,847.22 | $26,396.55 |

**To be raised by taxation on the property within the precinct.

# *Synopsis of Town Meeting*
# *March 2, 1976*

Acting under Warrant for Town Meeting, polls were opened at 7 a.m. and closed at 7:10 p.m. at Wilkins School. Ballot clerks were Marion Sortevik, Louise Ainsworth School Clerk, Marion Pollock, Catherine Kruger, Cynthia Kennedy, Evelyn Dudley. Assisting the voters were Herman Anderson and Allan Howard. Moderator Wight, Town Clerk Bernice Boothroyd and Barbara Landry had charge of the voting. Selectmen Francis Perry, Edward Masten and Robert Lown were present during the day. Supervisors of the Checklist were Audrey Spalding, Robert Wishart and Rosemary Biddle. The total ballots cast were 1302.

Results of the election were:

Selectman, Robert Lown, 1 yr.
Selectman, Thomas Grella, 3 yrs.
Selectman, Ann D. Snow, 3 yrs.
Town Clerk, Bernice Boothroyd
Tax Collector, Barbara Landry
Treasurer, Marion Sortevik
Road Agent, Richard Crocker
Trustee of Trust Funds, Charles E. Ware
Trustee of Library, Elizabeth Lyle
Trustee of Library, Janice Shethar
Board of Adjustment, C. Thomas Carson, 3 yrs.
Board of Adjustment, Rosemary Daly, 5 yrs.
Auditor, Orson Bragdon
Auditor, Maurice Martel

**Summary of Meeting**

Articles 1 through 7 were voted by ballot during the day.

Article 1. Election of Officers as stated above.

Article 2. Amendment 1: To change the area between Limbo Lane and Rt. 101 Bypass from "Rural District" to "Town Center Commercial District" and to provide regulations therefore.

YES 563 NO 726

Amendment 2: To change the present "Commercial District" by Horace Greeley Hwy. and Pine Rd. and the present "Industrial District" by Rt. 13 and Christian Hill Rd. both to "Limited Commercial District."

YES 795 NO 479

Amendment 3: To change certain areas along Rt. 101A to "Commercial District," "Industrial District" and "Residential District" as shown on the posted map and to provide new district regulations for the "Commercial District."

YES 750 NO 503

Amendment 4: To delete the present "Cluster Development" regulations and replace them with new "Open Space Development" regulation.

YES 711 NO 516

Amendment 5: To establish a "Scenic Setback" of 100 feet along certain listed roads.

YES 947 NO 324

Amendment 6: To establish a "Watershed Protection Area" along certain brooks and to provide regulations therefore.

YES 1008 NO 258

Amendment 7: To change the existing "Lakeside District" in the vicinity of Baboosic Lake to "Rural District."

YES 813 NO 397

Amendment 8: To establish a new "Northern Rural District" as shown on the posted map and to provide regulations therefore.

YES 776 NO 482

Amendment 9: To change town zoning ordinance as follows:

To add certain words to the definition of a Home Occupation;
To require new construction to place utilities underground;
To revise certain "Industrial District" regulations;
To provide Special Exceptions for the "Commercial District";
To require signs to be completely off the highway right-of-way;
To adopt new size requirements for commercial signs; and
To renumber sections of the ordinance as necessary.

YES 809 NO 414

Amendment 10: Withdrawn.

Amendment 11: Withdrawn.

Amendment 12: To amend the zoning ordinance changing the classification of Lot #6-66 of 40 acres, more or less, as it appears on the Town Tax Map from the present classification of Residential to the classification of Commercial and make the appropriate change to the zoning classification map.

YES 208 NO 1019

Article 3: To allow absentee ballots for election of Town Officers.

YES 1015 NO 243

Article 4: (by Petition) Changing the term of Tax Collector from 1 yr. to 3 yrs. beginning at next years' regular Town Meeting.

YES 972 NO 302

Article 5: (by Petition) For expanding exemption of real estate for the elderly.

YES 1044 NO 225

Article 6: To adopt the semi-annual form of tax billing.

YES 456 NO 804

Article 7: Enclosure of swimming pools.

YES 910 NO 373

Article 8: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $743,289.75 for town charges.

Article 9: Voted to give the Selectmen and the Town Treasurer the authority to borrow in anticipation of taxes.

Article 10: Voted to authorize the withdrawal from Revenue Sharing Funds for the use as setoffs against budgeted appropriations for the following priority purposes and in amounts indicated;

| | |
|---|---|
| Town office equipment | $ 2,260.00 |
| Town Hall renovations | 2,365.00 |
| Recreation Director | 4,550.00 |
| Police, extra Patrolman | 7,400.00 |
| Fire Dept., tanker | 3,600.00 |
| | $20,175.00 |

Article 11: Voted to appropriate the sum of $1,500.00 to purchase books for the Amherst Library and authorize the withdrawal of amount required from the Revenue Sharing Funds.

Article 12: Voted to appropriate the sum of $8,000.00 for the purchase of a new 1 ton highway truck and authorize the withdrawal for the amount required from the Revenue Sharing Funds.

Article 13: Voted to appropriate the sum of $4,500.00 for the purchase of a Police Cruiser and authorize the withdrawal of amount required from the Revenue Sharing Funds.

Article 14: Voted to appropriate the sum of $3,000.00 to complete the construction and equipment for the South Amherst Fire Station and authorize the withdrawal of the amount required from interest earned on invested funds.

Article 15: Voted to direct the Selectmen to transfer from the surplus account the sum of $18,000.00 for the purpose of:

a) $15,000 to a highway Capital Reserve Fund

b) $3,000 to a Civil Preparedness Capital Reserve Fund

Article 16: (Conservation Commission) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $15,000.00 to purchase the so-called Whitcomb Land, lying between Joe English Brook Reservation and the Plumb Memorial Forest.

Article 17: (by Petition) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $25,000.00 for the construction of two public tennis courts to be located on the Middle School land on Cross Rd. and take necessary steps to apply for and receive Federal Funds for the reimbursement of 50% of the funds so raised and appropriated. Appropriation is contingent upon receipt of Federal Funds.

Article 18: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,000.00 for completion of the Master Plan as authorized by the Town Meeting of March 1974.

Article 19: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $3,790.00 to be expended by the Bicentennial Committee to provide completion of the 1976 local Bicentennial Celebration Program, $1,895 to be provided from income from planned activities, the balance of $1,895 from tax dollars.

Article 20: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $7,200.00 to rebuild the World War I Common as a 1976 Bicentennial project.

Article 21: Voted to exclude election officials and election workers from paying Social Security.

Article 22: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $11,300.00 for the installation of a protective Fire Alarm System for six Town Buildings.

Article 23: Voted to appropriate the sum of $28,000.00 and authorize the withdrawal of the amount from surplus for the purpose of providing the necessary funds to institute a retirement program for all eligible officers and employees.

Article 24: Withdrawn.

Article 25: Voted to empower the Board of Selectmen at their discretion and according to such time and conditions as they see fit to grant drainage easements to the Town of Merrimack.

A motion to recess at 9:50 p.m. was proposed to await the total vote.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

BERNICE G. BOOTHROYD, Town Clerk

# *Synopsis of Special Town Meeting May 11, 1976*

**RE: Iron Bridge on Boston Post Road South**

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 p.m. Moderator Wight read from the Book of Psalms and the Warrant as it was posted. Approximately 400 citizens were present.

Selectmen Perry, Masten, Lown and Grella along with Attorney Drescher attended the meeting. Mrs. Ann Snow, Selectwoman, was absent due to illness.

It was noted the present Iron Bridge was built in 1912.

A motion was adopted to accept an amended article introduced by the Selectmen. The article read as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($250,000) for the purpose of providing its share of the cost of constructing a new bridge to replace the present bridge No. 193/130 spanning the Souhegan River on the Boston Post Road, South in a fashion consistent with N.H.R.S.A. 242:1-19 and to authorize the Selectmen to issue long term notes on behalf of the Town in order to permit the borrowing of said funds and to empower the Selectmen in their discretion to fix the date, maturities, denominations, the interest rate, or discount rate in the case of notes, the place of payment, the form and other details of said notes and of providing for the sale thereof, in a fashion consistent with N.H.R.S.A. Chapter 33: and to further authorize the Selectmen to apply for Federal Aid Off Systems Funds and such other Federal Aid or Grants as are applicable or take action relative thereto.

After a lengthy discussion debate was closed at 9:30 p.m. Polls were opened at 9:30 and closed at 10:30 p.m. Counting began immediately with the tally being 55 in favor and 403 opposed. **The article was defeated.** A total of 458 ballots were cast. Supervisors of Checklist, Audrey Spalding, Rosemary Biddle were present.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

BERNICE G. BOOTHROYD, Town Clerk

May 12, 1976

# Marriages Registered in the Town of Amherst, N. H.
## For the Year Ending December 31, 1976

| *Date and Place* | *Name of Bride and Groom* | *Name of Officiant* |
|---|---|---|
| Jan. 2, Dublin | Alden Weston Miller<br>Lorraine Mamie Sandford | Rev. Victor Abram |
| Jan. 3, Amherst | Luther Gregg Sullivan<br>Michaela Ann Perry | David B. Sullivan<br>Justice of the Peace |
| Jan. 17, Milford | Paul John Giannino<br>Elizabeth Marie Papazian | Brice Repolt<br>Elder |
| Jan. 17, Groton, Ma. | Robert Dean Wakefield<br>Susan Mary Fisher | James L. Manupelli, Jr.<br>Justice of the Peace |
| Feb. 7, Manchester | William I. Dupuis III<br>Nancy McGranaghan | Rev. David B. Shirley PhD. |
| Feb. 28, Nashua | Alan David Ledoux<br>Brenda Lee Bardas | Rev. Soterios Alexopoulos |
| Mar. 5, Nashua | William C. Stonebreaker<br>Leona E. LaBrecque | William J. Groff<br>Justice of the Peace |
| Mar. 5, Milford | Isaac Charles Hall<br>Sandra Anna McNamee | Joseph A. Beaudoin<br>Justice of the Peace |
| Mar. 13, Amherst | James B. Idell<br>Alice J. Gallas | Rev. Arnold D. Johnson |
| Mar. 18, Manchester | Richard Austin Hussey<br>Terry Ann Votaw | Peter B. Rotch<br>Justice of the Peace |
| Mar. 20, Amherst | Rodney M. Trombly<br>Elizabeth G. Davis | Constance M. Pratt<br>Justice of the Peace |
| Mar. 20, Wilton | Daniel B. Trott<br>Denise L. Thurman | Rev. Frank W. Carpenter |
| May 1, Milford | Peter John Shaw<br>Sheila Gail Quinn | Rev. Louis A. Soucey |
| May 8, Manchester | Lionel Gerard Poirier<br>Paula Jean Paradis | Rev. Leo Gagnon |
| May 8, Milford | Richard Francis Cooley, Jr.<br>Linda Lou Larrabee | Rev. Craig H. Richards |
| May 8, Amherst | Kevin Bain<br>Janet Leslie Doyle | Rev. John Ward |
| May 13, Amherst | Edward M. Houck<br>Christy Boyer | Charles B. Sullivan<br>Justice of the Peace |
| May 15, Merrimack | Richard William Barrett<br>Linda Helen Levesque | Rev. Dr. David A. Kerr |
| May 29, Nashua | Dennis Paul Chabot<br>Arlene Mary Abrams | Rev. John H. Roby |
| May 29, Milford | Steven Paul Giguere<br>Patricia Anne Young | Rev. Louis A. Soucey |
| June 12, Amherst | Steven D. Frades<br>Claudia June Campman | Rev. Arnold D. Johnson |
| June 19, Amherst | Robert E. Thurston<br>Jacqueline A. Ryan | Rev. Arnold D. Johnson |
| June 25, Amherst | Thomas Patrick O'Brien<br>Carole Florence Hammersley | Catherine A. Kruger<br>Justice of the Peace |
| June 26, Milford | Roger Norman Thibodeau<br>Wendy-Jo Miller | Rev. Louis A. Soucey |
| July 3, Wellesley, Ma. | Pedro Reinaldo Hernandez-Lattuf MD<br>Anne Patricia Hegarty | Rev. John J. Philbin |
| July 10, Amherst | Dennis J. Fenton<br>Debra J. Beltz | Catherine A. Kruger<br>Justice of the Peace |
| July 10, Milford | R. Scott Bacon<br>Jeryl Jean Klumpp | Rev. Louis A. Soucey |
| July 11, Amherst | Stuart B. Schuster<br>Julia F. Sessler | Rev. Arnold D. Johnson |
| July 24, Amherst | Geoffrey F. Ide<br>Julia L. Savage | Rev. David E. Svensen |
| Aug. 7, Milford | David Edward Miles<br>Cindy Lee Bruce | Rev. William B. Wylie |
| Aug. 7, Milford | Mark Hanna Crouter II<br>Meredith Ann Murray | Rev. Edwin C. Lynn |
| Aug. 14, Amherst | C. Kurt Holter<br>Elisabeth K. Crouter | Rev. Burrett E. McBee |
| Aug. 15, Nashua | Albert M. Vale<br>Terri Lynn Powers | Constance M. Pratt<br>Justice of the Peace |
| Aug. 26, Mont Vernon | Arthur Joseph Coleman, Jr.<br>Bertha May Robinson | Ruth L. Carey<br>Justice of the Peace |
| Aug. 29, Amherst | DeLoss M. Birkett<br>Marie Ellen Litchfield | Rev. Arnold D. Johnson |

| *Date and Place* | *Name of Bride and Groom* | *Name of Officiant* |
|---|---|---|
| Sept. 2, Milford | Stephen Kimball Palmer<br>Denise Ann Klumpp | Rev. Craig H. Richards |
| Sept. 4, Milford | Martin Irving Manley<br>Sandra L. Osborn | Rev. Daniel Ferry |
| Sept. 4, Amherst | Warner L. Zellner<br>Rosemary Biddle | Robert H. Rowe<br>Justice of the Peace |
| Sept. 11, Amherst | Jeffrey S. Spring<br>Joanne Boot | Andre' St. Germain<br>Justice of the Peace |
| Sept. 11, Jaffrey | Daniel Pierre Bergeron<br>Kathryn Ann Manning | Rev. Thomas Bresnahan |
| Sept. 18, Amherst | Lawrence S. Cooper<br>Cynthia Elaine Hart | Rev. Arnold D. Johnson |
| Sept. 25, Manchester | Randolph D. Labrum<br>Linda A. Newell | Rev. Francis E. Kelso |
| Sept. 25, Nashua | Michael Kenneth Martel<br>Doris Jean DeManche | Bertha Jeanne Delorey<br>Justice of the Peace |
| Sept. 26, Amherst | Gene G. Godfrey<br>Edna A. Godfrey | John D. Wilcox<br>Justice of the Peace |
| Oct. 1, Milford | Gene Francis Trempe<br>Janice Pearl Martel | Dorothy Marshall<br>Justice of the Peace |
| Oct. 2, Amherst | John S. Webster<br>Ellen T. Keeser | Catherine A. Kruger<br>Justice of the Peace |
| Oct. 2, North Walpole | Robert E. Andrews, Jr.<br>Martha J. Cray | William J. Groff<br>Justice of the Peace |
| Oct. 2, Pelham | Denis Roland Viens<br>Ann Marie White | Rev. John McHugh |
| Oct. 9, Milford | Robert James Pareti<br>Kathleen Ann Lathrop | Rev. Louis A. Soucey |
| Oct. 9, Amherst | Robert Northrup Bentley<br>Marilyn Jean Walker | Rev. Arnold D. Johnson |
| Oct. 23, Milford | Robert Dennis Colgan<br>Vivian Diane Julier | Rev. Olav Nieuwejaar |
| Oct. 23, Milford | Gary Steven Nelson<br>Randi-Jean Bohrer | Rev. Daniel Ferry |
| Oct. 24, Milford | Jeffrey M. Volpe<br>Judith Anne Cassese | Rev. Albert J. Morel |
| Nov. 13, Amherst | Gene E. Ollila<br>Julie A. Luongo | Edna M. Bianchi<br>Justice of the Peace |
| Nov. 20, Nashua | Joseph E. Pizzigno<br>Joan L. Brothers | Rev. Robert D.<br>Schenkel, Jr. |
| Nov. 27, Nashua | William Burke<br>Karen Pagel | Rev. Thomas Peters |
| Nov. 27, Nashua | Bruce D. Hartel<br>Virginia G. Larson | Rev. Robert D.<br>Schenkel, Jr. |
| Nov. 27, Amherst | Stephen K. Noble<br>Jeannie R. Frenette | Rev. Arnold Johnson |
| Dec. 4, Amherst | Murray L. Buck<br>Elvira C. Benway | Rev. John Ward |
| Dec. 11, Amherst | Colin J. Lincoln<br>Sheryl Anne Ames | Catherine A. Kruger<br>Justice of the Peace |
| Dec. 21, Milford | John Armor Blank<br>Ingrid Priestley Bjork | Rev. Daniel Ferry |
| Dec. 23, Amherst | G. Allan Walker, Jr.<br>Arlene M. Spencer | Rev. Arnold D. Johnson |
| Dec. 23, Amherst | Robert H. Tyler<br>Ruth M. Snyder | Catherine A. Kruger<br>Justice of the Peace |
| Dec. 23, Nashua | Eric Watson Hare<br>Andrina Carter | Rev. Sestino M. Continelli |
| Dec. 24, Bedford | Peter Ellis Hull<br>Jacqueline N. Swanburg | Jean E. Jones<br>Justice of the Peace |

# Births Registered in the Town of Amherst, N. H.
## For the Year Ending December 31, 1976

| *Date and Place* | *Name of Child* | *Name of Father* | *Name of Mother* |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1975 | | | |
| Dec. 16, Nashua | Damon Perkins Oaks | Stephen E. Oaks | Carolyn Perkins |
| 1976 | | | |
| Jan. 2, Manchester | Michael Joseph Krolikowski | Joseph C. Krolikowski | Carole C. Sanson |
| Jan. 2, Manchester | Matthew Rudolph Krolikowski | Joseph C. Krolikowski | Carole C. Sanson |
| Jan. 13, Nashua | Erik Mitchell Lofgren | Clifford E. Lofgren | Sandra A. Mitchell |
| Jan. 21, Nashua | Kevin Thomas Mortimer | Thomas J. Mortimer | Mary J. Chiarenza |
| Jan. 22, Manchester | Jessica Anne Rice | Robert H. Rice | Deborah Marsh |
| Jan. 22, Concord | Christopher Brendan Drescher | William R. Drescher | Carol A. O'Connor |
| Jan. 27, Nashua | Christopher Michael Anctil | Marcel P. Anctil | Linda C. Desautels |
| Jan. 30, Nashua | Michelle Marie Ferris | Thomas P. Ferris | Maureen E. Healy |
| Feb. 7, Nashua | Brooke Lathrop | Scott L. Lathrop | Linda Coleman |
| Feb. 12, Nashua | Shawn Michael Burke | John J. Burke | Andrea J. Mahoney |
| Feb. 13, Nashua | Haley Allison Caruso | Alfred J. Caruso, Jr. | Judith I. Levine |
| Feb. 22, Nashua | Todd Edward Norwood | Karl E. Norwood | Louise M. Marchildon |
| Feb. 29, Worcester, Ma. | Stephan Anthony Murray | Louis L. Murray, Sr. | Mary M. Doherty |
| Mar. 18, Nashua | Geoffrey Alexis Gilbert | Denis Alfred Gilbert | Bettina I. Blochwitz |
| Mar. 23, Nashua | Heather Torrey Jaquay | Floyd A. Jaquay | Holly C. Howe |
| Mar. 23, Nashua | Lindsay Elizabeth Hatch | Jay P. Hatch | Paula E. Lavin |
| Mar. 30, Peterborough | Alison Kathryn DiSalvo | Dominic J. DiSalvo | Cynthia A. Owens |
| Apr. 7, Manchester | Amy Estelle Ray | Richard R. Ray | Josephine R. Sorrentino |
| Apr. 16, Nashua | Melissa Mae Putnam | Michael E. Putnam | Kim L. Bailey |
| Apr. 19, Nashua | Christine Marie Marquis | Robert J. Marquis | Yvette T. Lefebvre |
| Apr. 20, Nashua | Joseph Vincent DiRico | John T. DiRico | Rita D. Barker |
| Apr. 27, Nashua | Jon Michael Brian Vore | Jon M. Vore | Estelle Papagiotas |
| May 2, Nashua | Rebecca Stephanie Merrill | George D. Merrill, Jr. | Stephanie P. Kalin |
| May 18, Nashua | Stephanie Lynn Paradis | Dennis R. Paradis | Louise R. Goulet |
| May 24, Nashua | Anthony Vincent Balsama | Richard E. Balsama | Maybelle L. Cederholm |
| May 31, Nashua | Jessica Bell Munson | Edward R. Munson | Pamela A. Bell |
| June 6, Nashua | Derek Russell Baksay | Russell J. Baksay | Patricia J. Rose |
| June 20, Nashua | Jamie Lynn Horan | James F. Horan | Judith E. Houghtling |
| June 21, Nashua | Melissa Joy Champagne | Martin J. Champagne | Patricia O'Brien |
| June 26, Nashua | Sara Gayl Wright | Stephen A. Wright | Jamie Gayl Sanders |
| July 5, Nashua | Andrew David Douglas | David C. Douglas | Ann T. Bilodeau |
| July 13, Nashua | Aaron Snay | Jeffrey A. Snay | Susan E. O'Keefe |

| *Date and Place* | *Name of Child* | *Name of Father* | *Name of Mother* |
|---|---|---|---|
| July 21, Nashua | Sharon Fay Drew | Dirk F. Drew | Linda M. Caine |
| July 30, Nashua | Joseph James Rendino | Robert J. Rendino | Michel J. Czopek |
| July 31, Manchester | Pamela Marie Wheeler | Carl A. Wheeler | Linda M. Bouchard |
| Aug. 2, Nashua | John Franklin Heaps III | John F. Heaps, Jr. | Jane R. Murray |
| Aug. 3, Nashua | Erin Browning | George U. Browning III | Theresa M. Marshall |
| Aug. 4, Nashua | Elizabeth Cathrine Jordan | Michael E. Jordan | Bridget K. McHugh |
| Aug. 8, Newton, Ma. | Elizabeth Endsley Jackson | Thad A. Jackson | Patience E. Kenney |
| Aug. 24, Nashua | Kimberlee Ann Labonte | Roger L. Labonte | Shirley A. Sirrell |
| Aug. 27, Nashua | Kevin James Cullen | James J. Cullen | Eileen M. Barry |
| Aug. 29, Nashua | Kristen Anne Belanger | Maurice E. Belanger | Irene J. Provencher |
| Sept. 3, Nashua | Alice Marie Campbell | Carl F. Campbell | Jacqueline M. Maguire |
| Sept. 4, Nashua | Alison Esther Nelson | Craig B. Nelson | Sandra S. Faucher |
| Sept. 4, Nashua | Rebecca Louise Tingleff | Paul H. Tingleff | Carol A. Miller |
| Sept. 7, Nashua | John Walter Slocum | Lee G. Slocum | Jill M. Guinon |
| Sept. 7, Nashua | Joseph August Jasper | David F. Jasper | Cynthia R. Cook |
| Sept. 12, Nashua | James Michael MacLeod | James J. MacLeod | Jean M. Connellan |
| Sept. 15, Nashua | Jennifer Michelle Knous | Garret P. Cowenhoven | Virginia Fritts |
| Sept. 20, Nashua | Christopher McGauran Gill | Roger W. Gill, Sr. | Karen E. McGauran |
| Sept. 20, Concord | Ashley Bruce Stearns | William E. Stearns, Jr. | Laura K. Bruce |
| Sept. 27, Nashua | Rebekah Nina Leone | Robert Nino Leone | Cheryl C. Gentile |
| Sept. 30, Nashua | Andrea Lynne Talarico | Stephen F. Talarico | Joan M. Stohr |
| Oct. 8, Nashua | Peter Graham Bielagus | Justin S. Bielagus | Barbara A. Horn |
| Oct. 13, Nashua | Connie Jean Tabor | Gerald D. Tabor | Martha J. Hodsdon |
| Oct. 14, Nashua | Jeff William Hillsgrove | James A. Hillsgrove | Bonnie B. Bean |
| Oct. 16, Nashua | Brian Daniel Callahan | Thomas G. Callahan | Barbara J. Fussell |
| Oct. 17, Nashua | Angie Michelle Trott | Daniel B. Trott | Denise L. Thurman |
| Oct. 18, Nashua | Jay Holmes Edmonds | John Edmonds, Jr. | Karen L. Holmes |
| Nov. 4, Nashua | Givin Bradley Douglas Owen | Givin M. Owen | Diana K. Brown |
| Nov. 9, Dover | Jonathan Howard King | Stephen M. King | Barbara J. Boothroyd |
| Nov. 14, Nashua | Christopher Lee Coleman | Arthur J. Coleman, Jr. | Bertha M. Robinson |
| Nov. 14, Nashua | Arthur Joseph Coleman III | Arthur J. Coleman, Jr. | Bertha M. Robinson |
| Nov. 23, Nashua | Erin Elizabeth Palmer | Howard L. Palmer | Sally Johnson |
| Dec. 12, Nashua | Anthony Dane Wojcicki | Anthony M. Wojcicki | Caroline A. McChrystal |

# Deaths Registered in the Town of Amherst, N. H.
## For the Year Ending December 31, 1976

| *Date and Place* | *Name of Deceased* | *Age* | *Name of Father* | *Name of Mother* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jan. 12, Manchester | Doris L. Buma | 42 | Rene Belisle | Anita Leger |
| Jan. 19, Amherst | Roberta S. Hartel | 54 | Frank Stephen | Mary VanNetta |
| Jan. 25, Nashua | Rita Quibin | 53 | Arsene Anctil | Mathilda Pelletier |
| Jan. 27, Amherst | Henry A. Davis | 16 | Robert A. Davis | Laura Pelky |
| Jan. 30, Nashua | Andrew H. Ruoff | 55 | Charles Ruoff | Elsa Bruns |
| Feb. 7, Boston, Ma. | Edward Marchildon | 67 | Andrew Marchildon | Catherine Desaulnier |
| Feb. 10, Amherst | Max H. Tito | 88 | Heinrich Tito | Bertha Moll |
| Feb. 10, Lawrence, Ma. | Frank Phelps | 68 | Frank Phelps | Hattie A. Andrews |
| Feb. 15, Nashua | Marie E. Woolsey | 62 | John Emelson | Birdine Berger |
| Feb. 17, Amherst | Janet E. McDonald | 26 | Maurice R. Garon | Anita A. Lajoie |
| Feb. 20, Manchester | Joseph E. Richardson | 91 | Joseph Richardson | Angeline Anderson |
| Mar. 28, Nashua | Ruth M. Powers | 72 | Harvey Durkee | Elizabeth |
| Apr. 2, Nashua | Martha Watson | 65 | John J. Henry | Annie McQuire |
| Apr. 12, Nashua | John P. Bruce Jr. | 18 | John P. Bruce, Sr. | Janet L. Buffelli |
| Apr. 13, Nashua | Anna Elliott | 94 | Arthur Dow | Minnie McLain |
| Apr. 17, Nashua | Arthur J. Shanahan | 82 | Patrick Shanahan | Bridget |
| Apr. 27, Beverly, Ma. | Guy H. Copeland | 85 | Ellis E. Copeland | Jane Beard |
| May 11, Nashua | Marc A. deFerranti | 71 | Maurice Z. deFerranti | Effie Pugh |
| May 20, Amherst | Walter G. Ryan | 80 | George D. Ryan | Angeline J. Vaine |
| June 11, Nashua | Richard P. Hermsdorf | 80 | Richard Hermsdorf | Augustus Focke |
| June 22, Amherst | Loretta Santangelo | 60 | Theodore Grompone | Jennie Santamauro |
| June 24, Amherst | George B. Gallo | 19 | Lucio Gallo | Evelyn Cipolla |
| June 24, Amherst | Gerald A. Gallo | 19 | Lucio Gallo | Evelyn Cipolla |
| June 29, Manchester | Arthur J. Coleman, Sr. | 67 | Samual Coleman | Mary Maxfield |
| July 5, Goffstown | Ruth C. Manning | 75 | George Cheney | Emma Taylor |
| July 16, Amherst | Christine M. Marquis | 2 mo. | Robert J. Marquis | Yvette Lefebvre |
| July 16, Manchester | Frieda L. Simon | 81 | John Heinritz | Margaret Wendler |
| July 29, Nashua | George Gautier | 74 | Joseph Gautier | Susan Hill |
| Aug. 13, Nashua | Thomas A. Quinn | 50 | John J. Quinn | Josephine Tracy |
| Aug. 27, Nashua | Grace C. Blackmar | 53 | Edward J. Croke | Marguerite Rolin |
| Oct. 20, Nashua | George J. Corbett | 79 | George H. Corbett | Ellen Finley |
| Oct. 21, Nashua | John F. Manning | 73 | John Manning | Mary Sullivan |
| Nov. 4, Manchester | Russell Young | 78 | Percy Young | Maria E. Lawrence |
| Nov. 10, Amherst | Joseph O. Goetz | 76 | Nicholas Goetz | Anna |
| Nov. 17, Nashua | Clyde I. Phillips | 63 | Homer Phillips | Lina Erwin |
| Nov. 26, Nashua | Herbert Steinbrueck | 70 | Carl Steinbrueck | Alice Wiesenberg |
| Dec. 12, Milford | William S. Wells | 83 | Frank H. Wells | Sarah F. Lester |
| Dec. 18, Danvers, Ma. | Arthur Fedas | 67 | Peter Fedas | Georgia Choukalas |
| Dec. 23, Nashua | Richard Carter | 19 | Harry B. Carter, Jr. | June Young |

## Brought From Away and Buried in Amherst, N. H.

| *Date and Place* | *Name of Deceased* | *Age* | *Name of Cemetery* |
|---|---|---|---|
| Feb. 1, Nashua | Bernard J. Ryan | 78 | St. Patrick's |
| Feb. 19, Milford | Elizabeth B. Weston | 74 | Cricket Corner |
| May 20, Roslindale, Ma. | Clarence Wilson | 91 | Meadowview |
| Oct. 4, Worcester, Ma. | Betty-Jean Smith | 51 | Meadowview |
| Oct. 26, Nashua | Frank F. Richardson | 90 | Meadowview |
| Oct. 27, Pinellas Park, Fl. | Warren L. Avery | 66 | Meadowview |
| Dec. 2, Weston, Ma. | Whitney Roberts Nolte | 75 | Meadowview |

I hereby certify that the foregoing returns are correct according to the best of my knowledge.

BERNICE G. BOOTHROYD, Town Clerk

December 31, 1976

# *The Edward Conti Scholarship*

Earlier this year the town of Amherst was privileged to receive a legacy in the amount of $15,000 from the Estate of Edward Conti establishing the Amherst Scholarship Foundation. It was Mr. Conti's wish that this money be invested and that the interest be used to help some deserving Amherst young people to further their education.

Edward Conti was born in Milford, educated in local schools and except for a period during World War 2 and a brief time after the war when he was employed in the South, spent most of his life in Amherst and Milford.

At an early age Mr. Conti was introduced to the Milford Granite business, more particularly to the art of stone cutting and monument design, by his father and uncle. This interest continued when following the sale of the family business Mr. Conti began a most successful mail order business with Calvary Monument Company. His deep interest in the monument business was thus continued without offering competition to local craftsmen. The success he enjoyed in his chosen field is in no small part marked by his generous gesture establishing this scholarship.

The Board of Selectmen accept with thanks this most generous bequest and are turning it over to the Trustees of the Amherst Trust Funds, of which he was a member, to invest in accordance with Mr. Conti's wishes. The Board hopes that other of our citizens, knowing that such a foundation exists, will fill a desire to add to the amount so invested from time to time.

# ANNUAL REPORTS

*of the*

# School District Officers

*of*

# Amherst, N. H.

*for the*

*Year Ending June 30, 1976*

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## AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT

### School Officers — 1976-77

| School Board | Term Expires |
|---|---|
| Elizabeth D. Puddington | 1977 |
| Ronald L. Pomerleau | 1978 |
| Herbert C. Stearns | 1979 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Roland L. Schoepf | Superintendent |
| Richard T. Connolly | Business Administrator |
| Mrs. Louise Ainsworth | Clerk-Treasurer |
| Creeley S. Buchanan | Moderator |
| Jan J. Tigchelaar, M.D. | School Physician |
| Mrs. Hope Caulfield | School Nurse |
| Mrs. Rosalie McGeoch | School Nurse |
| John Osborn | Attendance Officer |
| Orson H. Bragdon | Auditor |
| Maurice R. Martel | Auditor |

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

### 1976-77

| Begin | Close | |
|---|---|---|
| Sept. 8 (Wed.) | Dec. 23 (Thurs.) | 72 days |
| (Oct. 22, Nov. 11, 12, 25, 26 – No School) | | |
| Jan. 3 (Mon.) | Feb. 18 (Fri.) | 35 days |
| Feb. 28 (Mon.) | Apr. 22 (Fri.) | 39 days |
| (Apr. 8 – No School) | | |
| May 2 (Mon.) | June 17 (Fri.) | 34 days |
| (May 30 – No School) | | |
| | | 180 days* |

### Tentative – 1977-78

**(Subject to revision in the fall.)**

| Begin | Close | |
|---|---|---|
| Sept. 7 (Wed.) | Dec. 23 (Fri.) | 73 days |
| (Oct. 14, Nov. 10, 11, 24, 25 – No School) | | |
| Jan. 4 (Wed.) | Feb. 17 (Fri.) | 33 days |
| Feb. 27 (Mon.) | Apr. 21 (Fri.) | 39 days |
| (Apr. 10 – No School) | | |
| May 1 (Mon.) | June 19 (Mon.) | 35 days |
| (May 30 – No School) | | |
| | | 180 days* |

*This calendar is subject to changes authorized by your School Board, the State Department of Education, or when school is closed because of dangerous traveling conditions or emergencies. The minimum legal requirement is 180 days actually in session.

# SCHOOL WARRANT

**The State of New Hampshire**

To the Inhabitants of the School district in the town of AMHERST qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Wilkins School in said district on the eighth day of March, 1977, at 7:00 o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

**Polls will open at 7:00 a.m. — Will not close before 7:00 p.m.**

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.

2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.

3. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

4. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing year.

5. To choose two Members of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

Given under our hands at said Amherst this 7th day of February 1977.

ELIZABETH D. PUDDINGTON
RONALD L. POMERLEAU
HERBERT C. STEARNS
School Board

A true copy of Warrant — Attest:
ELIZABETH D. PUDDINGTON
RONALD L. POMERLEAU
HERBERT C. STEARNS
School Board

# SCHOOL WARRANT

**The State of New Hampshire**

To the inhabitants of the School district in the town of AMHERST, qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Wilkins School in said district on the 4th day of March 1977, at eight o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer and fix the compensation of any other officer or agent of the district.

2. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees or officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

3. To choose agents, auditors and committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.

4. To see if the district will authorize the School Board to make application for and receive in the name of the district such advances, grants and aids, or other funds for educational purposes as may now or hereafter be forthcoming from the United States Government or any other state or private agency.

5. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $9,500 to reroof the south side of the roof of the Wilkins School original building running from the administrative offices to the new addition, and to patch that portion of the roof over the classrooms of the original building.

6. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $15,000 for architectural fees and site preparation for renovation of and an addition to the Clark School.

7. To see what sum of money the district will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for school district officials and agents, and for payment of the statutory obligations of the district.

8. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Amherst this 7th day of February 1977.

ELIZABETH D. PUDDINGTON
RONALD L. POMERLEAU
HERBERT C. STEARNS
School Board

A true copy of Warrant – Attest:
ELIZABETH D. PUDDINGTON
RONALD L. POMERLEAU
HERBERT C. STEARNS
School Board

# AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

| ACCOUNT NUMBER and DESCRIPTION | BUDGETED 1975-76 | ACTUAL 1975-76 | BUDGETED 1976-77 | PROPOSED 1977-78 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **100 Series Administration** | | | | |
| 110 Salaries of District Officers | $ 1,860.00 | $ 2,089.10 | $ 2,460.00 | $ 3,660.00 |
| 135 Contracted Services | 300.00 | 300.00 | 325.00 | 1,100.00 |
| 190 Other Expenses for Administration | 1,775.00 | 3,174.20 | 1,825.00 | 1,975.00 |
| **100 Series Total** | **3,935.00** | **5,563.30** | **4,610.00** | **6,735.00** |
| **200 Series Instruction** | | | | |
| 210.1 Teachers' Salaries | 812,733.00) | 881,718.63 | 965,269.00 | 1,109,694.00 |
| 210.2 New Staff | 88,208.00) | | 42,500.00 | 70,000.00 |
| 210.3 Summer Curriculum | 800.00 | 600.00 | 500.00 | 3,200.00 |
| 210.4 Gesell Testing | 725.00 | 660.00 | 1,450.00 | 2,200.00 |
| 210.5 Insurance | 27,065.00 | 29,846.44 | 43,455.00 | 51,000.00 |
| 210.6 Teacher Scholarship | 3,600.00 | 1,947.00 | 5,400.00 | 6,900.00 |
| 210 Total | 933,131.00 | 914,772.07 | 1,058,574.00 | 1,242,994.00 |
| 215 Textbooks | 9,380.00 | 9,280.38 | 6,980.00 | 15,699.00 |
| 220 Library & Audio Visual | 15,450.00 | 14,792.25 | 19,520.00 | 22,782.00 |
| 230 Teaching Supplies | 35,416.00 | 33,069.98 | 39,500.00 | 48,262.00 |
| 235 Contracted Services | 5,717.00 | 4,230.18 | 9,747.00 | 16,807.00 |
| 290 Other Expenses for Instruction | 4,095.00 | 4,590.64 | 6,485.00 | 9,418.00 |
| **200 Series Total** | **1,003,189.00** | **980,735.50** | **1,140,806.00** | **1,355,962.00** |
| **300 Series Attendance** | **50.00** | **50.00** | **50.00** | **50.00** |

| | BUDGETED 1975-76 | ACTUAL 1975-76 | BUDGETED 1976-77 | PROPOSED 1977-78 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **400 Series Health Services** | **13,062.00** | **12,874.28** | **13,766.00** | **14,806.00** |
| **500 Series Transportation** | **117,294.00** | **120,509.00** | **131,450.00** | **139,450.00** |
| **600 Series Operation of Plant** | | | | |
| 610 Salaries | 61,760.00 | 58,058.13 | 64,139.00 | 67,736.00 |
| 630 Supplies | 10,000.00 | 11,079.56 | 9,634.00 | 10,500.00 |
| 635 Contracted Services | 1,600.00 | 1,787.40 | 3,825.00 | 4,247.00 |
| 640 Heat | 47,550.00 | 48,658.25 | 48,879.00 | 50,587.00 |
| 645 Utilities | 32,826.00 | 39,291.79 | 37,917.00 | 44,248.00 |
| **600 Series Total** | **153,736.00** | **158,875.13** | **164,394.00** | **177,318.00** |
| **700 Series Maintenance of Plant** | **14,552.00** | **15,300.68** | **18,011.00** | **23,538.00** |
| **800 Series Fixed Charges** | **91,794.00** | **83,788.95** | **100,039.00** | **120,805.00** |
| **900 Series Federal Lunch** | **11,000.00** | **21,010.67** | **15,000.00** | **17,000.00** |
| **1000 Series Student Body Activities** | **4,050.00** | **2,338.50** | **4,050.00** | **5,150.00** |
| **1100 Series Community Activities** | **1,500.00** | **1,500.00** | **1,500.00** | **2,650.00** |
| **1200 Series Capital Outlay** | | | | |
| 1265 Sites | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 1266 Buildings | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 1267 Equipment | 9,000.00 | 7,461.17 | 11,519.00 | 17,315.00 |
| **1200 Series Total** | **9,000.00** | **7,461.17** | **11,519.00** | **17,315.00** |

# AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

| | BUDGETED 1975-76 | ACTUAL 1975-76 | BUDGETED 1976-77 | PROPOSED 1977-78 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **1300 Series Debt Service** | | | | |
| 1370 Principal | 235,000.00 | 235,000.00 | 235,000.00 | 235,000.00 |
| 1371 Interest | 156,010.00 | 156,010.00 | 144,761.00 | 133,510.00 |
| Service Charge | 15.00 | 11.05 | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| **1300 Series Total** | **391,025.00** | **391,021.05** | **379,776.00** | **368,525.00** |
| **1400 Series Outgoing Transfer Accounts** | | | | |
| 1477.1 Tuition In State (Milford) | 539,293.00) | 575,933.62 | 655,928.00 | 723,081.00 |
| AREA Rental | 44,946.00) | | 56,476.00 | 65,976.00 |
| Extra Seats (Milford) | 0.00 | 0.00 | 4,799.00 | 3,000.00 |
| Tuition Handicapped (Milford) | 2,006.00 | 1,531.52 | 1,900.00 | 0.00 |
| Tuition Trainable (Milford) | 2,800.00 | 2,800.00 | 2,800.00 | 4,925.00 |
| 1477.2 Transportation - Handicapped | 1,121.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Transportation - Trainable | 2,916.00 | 0.00 | 2,916.00 | 2,916.00 |
| 1477.3 Supervisory Union Share | 45,756.57 | 45,756.57 | 51,758.83 | 57,616.47 |
| 1479.1 Tuition Non Public | 17,294.00 | 14,126.61 | 18,355.00 | 40,000.00 |
| 1479.2 Transportation Non Public | 12,921.00 | 9,214.76 | 17,505.00 | 30,000.00 |
| **1400 Series Total** | **669,053.57** | **649,363.08** | **812,437.83** | **927,514.47** |
| **1800 Series Contingency** | **5,000.00** | **0.00** | **5,000.00** | **5,000.00** |
| **TOTAL BUDGET** | **$2,488,240.57** | **$2,450,391.31** | **$2,802,408.83** | **$3,181,818.47** |

| REVENUE | APPROVED BY TAX COMMISSION 1975-76 | ACTUAL 1975-76 | APPROVED BY TAX COMMISSION 1976-77 | PROPOSED 1977-78 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Unencumbered Balance | $ 90,504.25 | $ 96,943.79 | $ 63,808.53 | $ 35,000.00 |
| Sweepstakes | 44,086.64 | 44,086.64 | 61,044.56 | 44,000.00 |
| Foundation Aid | 25,514.85 | 25,514.85 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| School Building Aid | 71,432.81 | 71,432.81 | 71,432.81 | 71,432.00 |
| Foster Children Aid | 900.00 | 400.00 | 900.00 | 0.00 |
| School Lunch & Special Milk | 11,000.00 | 35,597.65 | 15,000.00 | 17,000.00 |
| Trust Fund Income | 900.00 | 1,222.35 | 900.00 | 1,200.00 |
| Rent | 2,000.00 | 2,267.50 | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 |
| Investment Revenue | 44,000.00 | 40,499.33 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Tuition from Patrons | 0.00 | 1,228.36 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| NDEA | 0.00 | 775.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| PL 874 | 0.00 | 14,805.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Title III ESEA | 0.00 | 12,448.54 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Title IV | 0.00 | 545.52 | 0.00 | 3,800.00 |
| SHARE | 0.00 | 253.10 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Net Insurance Recovery | 0.00 | 4,479.05 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Temporary Deposits & Investments | 0.00 | 2,526.95 | 0.00 | 2,500.00 |
| Other Revenue from Local Sources | 0.00 | 15,625.04 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| State Gas | 0.00 | 4,091.55 | 4,000.00 | 4,000.00 |
| TOTAL REVENUE AND CREDITS | $ 290,338.55 | $ 374,743.03 | $ 219,585.90 | $ 181,432.00 |
| DISTRICT ASSESSMENT | 2,197,902.02 | | 2,596,322.93 | 3,000,386.47 |
| TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS | $2,488,240.57 | | $2,815,908.83 | $3,181,818.47 |

# AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT PROGRAM BUDGET 1977-1978

## Budget Summary

| PROGRAM | SALARIES | NON EXPENDABLE MATERIALS | EXPENDABLE MATERIALS | CONTRACTED SERVICES | REPLACEMENT FIXED ASSETS | ACQUISITION FIXED ASSETS | TRAVEL | TOTAL |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Administrative Services | 151,891.00 | 200.00 | 3,770.00 | 77,331.47 | 1,298.00 | 9,897.00 | 1,300.00 | 245,687.47 |
| Educational Programs | 1,123,741.00 | 15,699.00 | 47,357.00 | | | 5,711.70 | 1,813.00 | 1,194,321.70 |
| Educational Support | 71,380.00 | 15,000.00 | 8,387.00 | 855,589.00 | 600.00 | 1,206.30 | | 952,162.30 |
| Other Support Services | 21,652.00 | | 546.00 | 189,516.00 | | | 200.00 | 211,914.00 |
| Plant & Facilities | 74,736.00 | | 10,500.00 | 120,222.00 | | 500.00 | 600.00 | 206,558.00 |
| Community Activity | 2,000.00 | | | 650.00 | | | | 2,650.00 |
| Debt Service | | | | 368,525.00 | | | | 368,525.00 |
| Budget Summary Totals | 1,445,400.00 | 30,899.00 | 70,560.00 | 1,611,833.47 | 1,898.00 | 17,315.00 | 3,913.00 | 3,181,818.47 |

## Administrative Services

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Attendance | 50.00 | | | | | | | 50.00 |
| Building Administration | 147,681.00 | 200.00 | 2,070.00 | 2,035.00 | 1,298.00 | 9,897.00 | 1,300.00 | 164,481.00 |
| Census | 500.00 | | | | | | | 500.00 |
| Contingency | | | | 5,000.00 | | | | 5,000.00 |
| Insurance | | | | 11,805.00 | | | | 11,805.00 |
| School Board | 3,660.00 | | 1,700.00 | 53,491.47 | | | | 63,851.47 |
| Totals | 151,891.00 | 200.00 | 3,770.00 | 77,331.47 | 1,298.00 | 9,897.00 | 1,300.00 | 245,687.47 |

# AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT PROGRAM BUDGET 1977-1978

## Educational Programs

| PROGRAM | SALARIES | NON EXPENDABLE MATERIALS | EXPENDABLE MATERIALS | CONTRACTED SERVICES | REPLACEMENT FIXED ASSETS | ACQUISITION FIXED ASSETS | TRAVEL | TOTAL |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| English/Language Arts | 386,371.00 | 7,093.87 | 10,281.15 | | | | | 403,746.02 |
| Foreign Languages | 31,753.00 | 87.95 | 733.80 | | | 494.80 | | 33,069.55 |
| Mathematics | 178,824.00 | 3,348.84 | 6,450.74 | | | | | 188,623.58 |
| Home Economics | 21,854.00 | 235.00 | 2,428.30 | | | 741.18 | | 25,258.48 |
| Industrial Arts | 21,107.00 | 225.37 | 2,579.13 | | | 1,007.27 | | 24,918.77 |
| Art | 44,326.00 | | 6,862.61 | | | 408.00 | | 51,596.61 |
| Music-Choral Classroom | 66,406.00 | 1,032.29 | 400.95 | | | 284.50 | | 68,123.74 |
| Music-Instrumental | | 237.80 | | | | 1,397.80 | | 1,635.60 |
| Physical Education | 41,078.00 | | 934.98 | | | 999.20 | | 43,012.18 |
| Readiness | 50,434.00 | | 491.53 | | | | | 50,925.53 |
| Science | 127,068.00 | 654.40 | 2,258.68 | | | 188.00 | | 130,169.08 |
| Social Studies | 123,645.00 | 1,873.99 | 968.25 | | | | | 126,487.24 |
| Learning Disabilities | 27,644.00 | 429.49 | 527.88 | | | 190.95 | | 28,792.32 |
| Remedial Reading | | 480.00 | 24.00 | | | | | 504.00 |
| Speech Therapy | 3,231.00 | | 89.95 | | | | | 3,320.95 |
| Health Education | | | 2,000.00 | | | | 1,813.00 | 3,813.00 |
| Small Supplies | | | 10,325.05 | | | | | 10,325.05 |
| Totals | 1,123,741.00 | 15,699.00 | 47,357.00 | | | 5,711.70 | 1,813.00 | 1,194,321.70 |

# AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT PROGRAM BUDGET 1977-1978

## Educational Support

| PROGRAM | SALARIES | NON EXPENDABLE MATERIALS | EXPENDABLE MATERIALS | CONTRACTED SERVICES | REPLACEMENT FIXED ASSETS | ACQUISITION FIXED ASSETS | TRAVEL | TOTAL |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Guidance | 31,514.00 | | 605.00 | 3,945.00 | | | | 36,064.00 |
| In Service Education | 12,100.00 | | | 1,250.00 | | | | 13,350.00 |
| Media Services | | | | | | | | |
| Library | 27,366.00 | 15,000.00 | | | | | | 42,366.00 |
| Audio Visual | | | 7,782.00 | 2,610.00 | 600.00 | 1,206.30 | | 12,198.30 |
| Special Ed. Consortium | 400.00 | | | 10,802.00 | | | | 11,202.00 |
| Tuition | | | | | | | | |
| Regular | | | | 792,057.00 | | | | 792,057.00 |
| Special Ed. Public | | | | 4,925.00 | | | | 4,925.00 |
| Special Ed. Private | | | | 40,000.00 | | | | 40,000.00 |
| Totals | 71,380.00 | 15,000.00 | 8,387.00 | 855,589.00 | 600.00 | 1,206.30 | | 952,162.30 |

## Other Support Services

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Food Services | | | | 17,000.00 | | | | 17,000.00 |
| Health Services | 16,502.00 | | 546.00 | 150.00 | | | 200.00 | 17,398.00 |
| Student Activities | 5,150.00 | | | | | | | 5,150.00 |
| Transportation | | | | | | | | |
| Field Trips | | | | 3,550.00 | | | | 3,550.00 |
| Mileage | | | | 4,800.00 | | | | 4,800.00 |
| Regular | | | | 131,100.00 | | | | 131,100.00 |
| Special Ed. Private | | | | 30,000.00 | | | | 30,000.00 |
| Special Ed. Public | | | | 2,916.00 | | | | 2,916.00 |
| Totals | 21,652.00 | | 546.00 | 189,516.00 | | | 200.00 | 211,914.00 |

# AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT PROGRAM BUDGET 1977-1978

## Plant and Facilities

| PROGRAM | SALARIES | NON EXPENDABLE MATERIALS | EXPENDABLE MATERIALS | CONTRACTED SERVICES | REPLACEMENT FIXED ASSETS | ACQUISITION FIXED ASSETS | TRAVEL | TOTAL |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Custodial | 74,736.00 | | 10,500.00 | 4,247.00 | | 500.00 | 600.00 | 90,583.00 |
| Heating | | | | 50,587.00 | | | | 50,587.00 |
| Maintenance of Buildings | | | | 16,750.00 | | | | 16,750.00 |
| Maintenance of Equip. | | | | 4,390.00 | | | | 4,390.00 |
| Maintenance of Grounds | | | | | | | | |
| Utilities | | | | 44,248.00 | | | | 44,248.00 |
| Totals | 74,736.00 | | 10,500.00 | 120,222.00 | | 500.00 | 600.00 | 206,558.00 |

## Community Activities

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Community Programs | 2,000.00 | | | | | | | 2,000.00 |
| Care of Grounds | | | | 650.00 | | | | 650.00 |
| Totals | 2,000.00 | | | 650.00 | | | | 2,650.00 |

## Debt Service

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Principal | | | | 235,000.00 | | | | 235,000.00 |
| Interest | | | | 133,510.00 | | | | 133,510.00 |
| Service Charge | | | | 15.00 | | | | 15.00 |
| Totals | | | | 368,525.00 | | | | 368,525.00 |

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Accountants and Auditors
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July 2, 1976

The School Board
Amherst School District
Amherst, New Hampshire 03031

Gentlemen:

We have examined the financial statements of the Amherst School District for the fiscal years 1974 and 1975, as well as the Middle School Building Fund for the period November 17, 1972 to January 31, 1976. As a part of our examination, we have reviewed and tested the School District's system of internal accounting control to the extent we considered necessary to evaluate the system as required by generally accepted auditing standards. Under these standards, the purpose of such evaluation is to establish a basis for reliance thereon in determining the nature, timing, and extent of other auditing procedures that are necessary for expressing an opinion on the financial statements.

The objective of internal accounting control is to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance as to the safeguarding of assets against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and reliability of financial records for preparing financial statements and maintaining accountability for assets. The concept of reasonable assurance recognizes that the cost of a system of internal accounting control should not exceed the benefits derived and also recognizes that the evaluation of these factors necessarily requires estimates and judgments by management.

Our study and evaluation of the School District's system of internal accounting control for the years ended June 30, 1974, and June 30, 1975, which was made for the purpose set forth in the first paragraph above, would not necessarily disclose all weaknesses in the system. However, such study and evaluation disclosed the following conditions that we

believe to be material weaknesses for which corrective action may be practicable in the circumstances.

**General Fund:**

The accounting records maintained by the District consist of cash receipts and revenues recorded and posted by hand, while the disbursements are handled by a bookkeeping machine which writes the check, prints the manifest, and posts the expenditure in one operation. We recommend that the accounting system be updated so that the method used will furnish information relating to the financial position of the School District more efficiently throughout the fiscal year.

Control over the expenditures is insufficient to ensure that items are manifested properly. For example, during the period under examination, several bills were paid twice and refunds or credits had to be issued by vendors. Also, one vendor returned a duplicate payment check to the District which was included on the same manifest twice. Likewise, several checks were disbursed for which no bills were attached to the purchase orders validating the expenses. Advances are made to school board members for conferences and conventions without any substantiation or receipts for services obtained.

We recommend that all District disbursements be approved by the Business Administrator before being submitted to the School Board for payment to ensure that all goods have been received and services rendered.

**Federal Project Funds:**

In fiscal 1974-75, the School District expended E.S.E.A. Title II Funds of $1,693.00 and E.S.E.A. Title III Funds of $910.00. These amounts were reimbursed to the School District in fiscal 1975-76. However, the total amount of $2,603.00 was charged against the 1974-75 budget without consideration to accounts receivable, which resulted in the surplus of the District being understated by that amount at June 30, 1975.

We recommend that when federal project funds are authorized and approved, immediate recognition be given in the District records. This will facilitate year-end reporting with the effect of recognizing accounts receivables and encumbrances against each federal project. Accurate account-

ing control over federal project funds is mandatory to properly reflect the correct fund balances, as well as the surplus of the District at the end of the fiscal year.

The converse is also true when federal project funds are received in advance. The difference between the amount actually received and spent must be earmarked or encumbered for the ensuing year.

**Middle School Building Fund:**

The audit of this fund from inception to completion revealed many deficiencies and deviations from standard accounting procedures which we have enumerated below:

No formal journals or records were kept at any time during the construction of the building. All information regarding the activity in the building fund was recorded in the Treasurer's cash book but classification of receipts and expenditures was nonexistent. We had to analyze all of the transactions in order to recapitulate the activity for the period under examination.

During the examination we found that two checks were written to Available Supply for $589.21. The first was dated March 1, 1974, and the second November 6, 1974. It appears from checking the bill and purchase order that this was a duplicate payment. The current Business Administrator has informed us that the company does not exist at this time. Therefore, it appears that the School District has lost $589.21.

As previously mentioned under the General Fund, there were also numerous disbursements in the building fund without proper documentation such as an invoice or purchase order to substantiate payment. No disbursement should be made without a purchase order and invoice proving receipt of goods or service.

Our audit report will show that the initial project authorization, voted at the Special School District Meeting on November 17, 1972, amounted to $2,008,125.00, of which $2,000,000.00 in bonds were issued, leaving an authorized but unissued balance of $8,125.00. At a special meeting on September 21, 1973, an additional $950,000.00 was authorized and subsequently issued for the project. Also, at the regular School District Meeting of March 1, 1974, $19,800.00 was appropriated from the interest earned on the invested

funds for a total project authorization of $2,997,925.00 ($2,008,125.00, $950,000.00, and $19,800.00). Total expenditures amounted to $2,988,994.00, thus resulting in a project overexpenditure of $11,069.00. This would be the final overdraft, providing the remaining balance of the authorization were to be issued. However, we've been given to understand that this is not the intent. Therefore, the net overexpenditure amounts to $19,194.00. This amount has been charged to the total interest earned by the fund, which amounted to $219,260.00. The balance of interest has been returned to the General Fund in fiscal 1975 and 1976.

**School Lunch Program Fund:**

The School Lunch Program Director does not enter the check number on Form AL-3 when recording the disbursements. This procedure makes it very difficult to trace the expenditures because one invoice might be distributed between three schools. Likewise, the receipts are not summarized between the three schools and distributed as to the source required.

There were no paid bills available for fiscal 1973-74. We were informed that they were thrown away in error. The check numbers were not recorded on the paid bills for 1974-75. Therefore, it was difficult to reference them to the disbursement entries in the journals. We recommend that the check number be written on the paid bills and that the distribution of the expenses to each school be referenced. This procedure will ensure a better control over the expenditures and the quantities of food and supply items used by each school during the year.

**School Activity Funds:**

**Wilkins Clark Activity Fund:**

No formal accounting records are maintained for the Wilkins Clark Activity Fund. We had to reconcile the bank statements with the checkbook stubs in order to arrive at the cash balance at the end of each fiscal year. The bank statement, cancelled checks, and deposit slips for April, 1974 were missing. We also found a sealed envelope with $5.00 in it which had been found by a student on school property and mingled with the other records that were in a cardboard box.

**Middle School Activities Fund:**

The Middle School Activities Fund maintains formal accounting records in a journal with a different activity title for each account. However, the journal of these activity accounts is not reconciled to the bank statements on a monthly basis. We had to analyze all the recorded receipts and expenditures in order to balance with the bank statement at the end of the fiscal year. Eighty dollars ($80.00) was recorded in the journal as having been received, but we could not trace it to the bank statement. Also, no bills were submitted to substantiate the expenditures.

We also noted a number of checks are made payable to the Middle School Activity Account from the Amherst School District General Fund for petty cash expenditures. After reviewing some of these expenditures which are charged to the activity general fund, we feel that some are for items that should have been paid from the regular School District account. The principal's petty cash should be used only for small miscellaneous purchases and only when absolutely necessary.

We have given the Business Administrator a copy of a system which is used for the control of Activity accounts in other school districts. We feel that this system can very easily be adapted to be used by both the Wilkins Clark School Activity Fund and the Middle School Activities Fund of the Amherst School District.

In our opinion, the implementation of these recommendations will aid the safeguarding of the School District's assets, improve internal control, provide the necessary documentation for the authorized expenditures, and in general, aid the School District in its accounting functions.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the office staff of the Amherst School District for their cooperation in providing us with the documents necessary for completion of the audit.

We will be happy to meet with the School Board to discuss these recommendations at your convenience.

Very truly yours,

PLODZIK & SANDERSON

# REPORT OF THE AMHERST SCHOOL BOARD
## 1976-1977

Since many of the School Board's responsibilities are ongoing, the following commentary on the past year might best be considered a progress report – a look at where we are going and how far we are along the way. In addition to routine duties, the Board has undertaken projects in three major areas this year: 1) planning; 2) resolution of the high school issue; and 3) increased citizen participation in the schools.

The foundation for long-range planning has been established over the past several years by the introduction of several proven management techniques. They provide a framework in which the Board can review the programs of the school system, and also make more information available to the public. We have developed a five-year plan of objectives for continuing improvement, and adopted a program budget format which shows in detail how funds are allocated for instructional purposes. We can now determine, for example, how much the reading program costs, including salaries and instructional materials. Under the previous format, these costs were added to those of every other program, to give us the familiar but uninformative line item totals. Once completely implemented, improved management techniques will enable the Board to report how much each program costs, and how well it is achieving its objectives. The next step is to find out what the community thinks should be happening in our schools, if the school system were ideally effective.

When Lewis Carroll's Alice inquired of the Cheshire Cat, "Would you tell me, please, which way I ought to go from here?", he very sensibly replied, "That depends a good deal on where you want to get to." Instead of equating progress with simple improvement, the School Board has chosen to find out where the school district "wants to get to," and to plan a strategy which will coordinate all the programs and resources of the school system in that direction.

Representatives from the whole community – students, parents, staff, board and the general public – will be invited

to join in several activities over the next few months, planned to reveal a consensus on what sorts of skills, attitudes and capabilities we would like our students to take with them if our school system were ideal. Once these key results are established, in terms we can measure, we will evaluate how well we are producing these results right now. Standardized tests reveal that our students have learned exceedingly well compared with national norms; now it is time to compare their progress with the expectations of our own community.

Once we have reached this point, program planning, staff development and budgeting will all be designed to narrow any discrepancy we find between where students are presently functioning, and where the community would like them to be. The community decides where we want to go; how we progress in that direction is the responsibility of the professional staff, drawing upon the full range of techniques their training and experience provides. Curriculum development and in-service teacher training will emphasize improved student results, and budget allocations will be directed toward maintaining strengths and eliminating weaknesses.

Methods to implement this over-all plan are being researched and adapted by Board and staff from a variety of sources, including other school districts, the N.H. State Department of Education, and the Center for Construction Change in Durham. When this process is complete, and all the complex steps worked out over the next several years, the school district and the staff will be able to focus on results — what and how well students are learning — instead of what and how much they are being taught.

Since planning for the schools cannot be isolated from planning for the community as a whole, particularly during a period of rapid growth, the School Board has taken an active part in working with citizen committees, the Selectmen, the Sounding Board and the Planning Board. The Board has sought to improve planning for both town and school services by providing information on the impact of increased growth and promoting a stabilized growth rate.

The second project, now one important step closer to resolution, is the problem of education for Amherst high school students. Last spring, after an intensive series of

neighborhood meetings and hearings, both Amherst and Milford voted overwhelmingly to adopt a new AREA agreement. This new agreement opens the way for consideration of a variety of options prohibited under the old self-perpetuating contract. Although the new agreement will automatically expire in 1986, space limitations at the present high school require that an alternative be chosen long before then.

Working with the Milford School Board and several different study committees, the Board has established three requirements to be included in any future agreement:

1) A formula for equitable sharing of both capital and operating costs.
2) Provision for a school board with membership from each district, elected in conformance with the constitutional requirements of proportional representation.
3) A supervisory union organization which will enable maximum coordination of high school program and administration with the elementary schools of each district.

There are a variety of ways these points might be incorporated into a new contract. Costs and educational implications for each possible alternative, including separate high schools, are being developed to allow voters in each town to evaluate the ultimate recommendation of their school board.

The Population Committee (John Boyle, Joel Hungerford, Lynn Laguardia, Ken Spalding and Connie Woolford) have revised earlier forecasts in light of recent changes in the rate of increase in town population, with resulting shifts in enrollment distributions. Their new projections will be used as a factor in calculations of costs and building needs by the study committees currently working with Milford and Bedford.

The Amherst-Milford Committee, includes Robert R. Burns, Wilna Chandley, Ken Lovell, Robert O'Keefe, John Snow and Barbara Stone as Amherst members. They have contributed an extraordinary amount of time researching information on options that permit meeting our three basic requirements. Their work is being pursued on a weekly basis and their report is expected by late spring.

Recognizing that Amherst voters wish information on the possibility of cooperation with Bedford in order to evaluate any Amherst-Milford proposal, the Board has recently appointed Robert B. Burns, Ray Hubbard and Robert Phillips to work with a Bedford committee examining alternatives to their present arrangement with Manchester. Their recommendations are also due by late spring, so that this alternative will either be eliminated, or fully explored with other options.

The Boards plan a series of small group meetings to discuss this information, giving every voter an opportunity to examine the data, ask questions and make suggestions. The final recommendations of the Boards are scheduled to be voted upon in late spring of 1978. This should provide sufficient lead time to implement the resulting decision before the present high school becomes overcrowded. It is impossible to over-estimate the value of the work these committees are doing in preparing in-depth information on an important and complex issue.

A third special emphasis this past year has been to increase citizen participation in the operation of the school program and use of school facilities. The purpose of this continuing effort is not only to make the resources of the school available to all, but to draw upon the diverse talents and interests of our residents, who are themselves a valuable educational resource.

Public discussion has been invited on major policy proposals, including the AREA agreement, the school district philosophy statement, and the alcohol and drug abuse prevention policy. The complete codified policy manual is now available in each school for reference, and will promote continuity of management as the School Board, administrative staff and teaching staff increase in numbers.

Committees including community representatives are functioning in a number of capacities. In addition to the previously mentioned study committees, advisory groups are working in each school, helping to develop administrative policy and regulations, as well as curriculum.

Involving over one hundred people, the School Volunteer Program contributes thousands of hours of assistance each year, as well as providing a first-hand experience of the

school program in action. The PTA has also been extremely responsive and helpful. From suggesting committee appointments, and printing of the new school calendar, to conducting telephone polls and publishing the monthly Bell Ringer, they provide many lines of communication for exchange of information with parents. Their recent award for increased membership is a clear indication that they are meeting both the needs of the parents and the schools.

Another example of the diversity of contributions is the generous bequest this year of Edward A. Conti, establishing a scholarship fund in his name for Amherst high school students, pursuing post-secondary education. His concern for Amherst during his life is truly perpetuated by this trust fund.

A revised policy concerning non-school use of buildings was adopted, to promote maximum use of our physical plant by providing for advance scheduling and priority for those using the buildings on a regular basis. The Recreation Commission has increased their athletic program, and assumed responsibility for coordinating use of the three school ballfields. A new and promising area of cooperation is their supervision of the reorganized Adult Education Program. Additional hours for summer library service have proven welcome to both children and adults, and will continue to expand as the Library Trustees are able to provide staff. Over twenty other groups have used the buildings on a regular or intermittent basis during the past year.

Trusting that regular newspaper coverage and a special series on board responsibilities have provided adequate information on the more routine activities of the Board, considerable space has been devoted here to special projects. However, no report would be complete without acknowledging the continuing assistance and cooperation of the Selectmen, Barbara Landry, and the various town officials who aid the schools on an almost daily basis. In particular we note the outstanding efforts of: the Highway Department, who kept roads open for transporting students safely, maintained the grounds in a safe and attractive condition, and still found time to handle an important repaving job at the Wilkins School on top of their busy summer schedule; and the Police and Fire Departments, who not only paid close atten-

tion to protection of our buildings and their occupants, but also actively participated in the educational program in the areas of health and safety.

All our activities, however trivial or momentous they seem from time to time, have but one purpose, to support the learning process of our children. Finally, therefore, we wish to acknowledge with gratitude those who are most directly involved in this learning process, the school staff. It is their competence and dedication, no matter what their role, that determines how effectively we meet our commitment to excellence in education.

ELIZABETH D. PUDDINGTON
RONALD L. POMERLEAU
HERBERT C. STEARNS
Amherst School Board

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER
### (For the Fiscal Year July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976)

LOUISE AINSWORTH, Treasurer
In account with the School District of Amherst

### General Fund

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash on Hand, July 1, 1975 | $ 96,943 79 |
| Board of Selectmen | |
| Current Appropriation | 2,197,902 02 |
| Revenue from State Sources | 152,398 77 |
| Revenue from Federal Sources | 55,439 72 |
| Received from Tuition | 1,228 36 |
| Trust Funds | 1,222 35 |
| Received from All Other Sources | 58,756 79 |
| Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year | $2,563,891 80 |
| Less School Board Orders Paid | 2,476,901 03 |
| Balance on Hand, June 30, 1976 | $ 86,990 77 |

### Building Account

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash on Hand, July 1, 1975 | $43,850 10 |
| Received from All Other Sources | 2,736 45 |
| Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year | $46,586 55 |
| Less School Board Orders Paid | 46,586 55 |
| Balance on Hand, June 30, 1976 | $ 0 00 |

### Adult Education Program

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash on Hand, July 1, 1975 | $ 290 00 |
| Received from Tuitions | 772 50 |
| Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year | $1,062 50 |
| Less School Board Orders Paid | 890 00 |
| Balance on Hand, June 30, 1976 | $ 172 50 |

**Emotionally Disturbed Account**

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash on Hand, July 1, 1975 | $973 53 |
| Receipts | 0 00 |
| Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year | $973 53 |
| Less School Board Orders Paid | 0 00 |
| Balance on Hand, June 30, 1976 | $973 53 |

## AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Amherst of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1976, and find them correct in all respects.

ORSON H. BRAGDON
MAURICE R. MARTEL
Auditors
July 19, 1976

## NOTIFICATION OF ASSESSMENT
### 1976-77 School Year

| | |
|---|---|
| Total Appropriations | $2,815,908 83 |
| REVENUES AND CREDITS | |
| Unencumbered Balance | $ 63,808 53 |
| Sweepstakes | 61,044 56 |
| School Building Aid | 71,432 81 |
| Foster Children Aid | 900 00 |
| State Gas | 4,000 00 |
| School Lunch & Special Milk | 15,000 00 |
| Trust Fund Income | 900 00 |
| Rent | 2,500 00 |
| Total Revenues and Credits | $ 219,585 90 |
| District Assessment | 2,596,322 93 |
| Total Appropriations | $2,815,908 83 |

## Report of the Superintendent

The year of the Bicentennial should have given the people of this country much to feel encouraged about and more for which to be thankful. Beginning under the Articles of Confederation in 1776, the fledgling nation was hardly unified. Beset by petty state jealousies, lack of a strong federal government, and a people who were divided in their loyalties, one can only wonder how it could have survived at all. And yet, the tenacity and idealism of a few visionaries provided the incentive that overcome the roadblocks that so often have contributed to the downfall of countries less endowed with statesmanship.

From the original thirteen states which clung to the eastern seaboard, the country expanded its boundaries not only to the Pacific, but beyond, in spite of a war which threatened to split it asunder before it could celebrate its one hundredth birthday. As it healed its wounds, the impact of the Industrial Revolution was never more manifest than in the United States during the latter part of the nineteenth century. Flexing its new-found muscle, the young nation grew to a point where it had to be considered as one of the leaders in a world where traditionally influential nations had been led by monarchs. When the countries of Europe drifted into World War I, eyes were cast westward for material and moral support. With the signing of the Armistice in 1918, the United States had gained a position at the top of the pinnacle of international politics, and its citizens stood head and shoulders above their European counterparts, not to mention those in less developed regions.

But what about the dream that Thomas Jefferson and his associates had when the Declaration of Independence was framed, the dream "that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness?" Even though subscribed to by those who signed the Declaration, decades passed before political equality became a reality for all men and women. However, if

political equality was ultimately achieved, there still remained a great deal of inequality amongst people. Not all were equally endowed with intellectual or physical capabilities, artistic talent or emotional stability. The strengths of some were the weaknesses of others, and environmental conditions either enhanced or jeopardized the development of youth. But all were supposed to be able to participate in the pursuit of happiness, which could be accomplished only through education – formal or informal.

The first settlers to arrive on this continent appreciated the value of education; in addition to the establishment of private schools, the development of public schools became mandatory as the result of governmental action. At first dedicated to formal academic instruction, young people were apprenticed at an early age in order to receive vocational training. Benjamin Franklin recognizing that education should consist of more than the acquisition of academic skills, founded an academy in Philadelphia which later became the University of Pennsylvania. In his proposals for this school, Franklin said:

"As to their studies, it would be well if they could be taught everything that is useful and everything that is ornamental. But art is long and their time is short. It is therefore proposed that they learn those things that are to be most useful and most ornamental . . ."

Following the establishment of Franklin's academy, the movement spread rapidly throughout the country. Although the academy had a number of advantages over the old Latin grammar school, the biggest departure was that courses were offered which had value aside from mere preparation for college. The first high school in the United States was established at Boston in 1821. Entering students had to be well acquainted with reading, writing, English grammar and arithmetic, and the curriculum was designed to give a child an education "that shall fit him for active life . . ." Thus was some of the growing segment of America prepared to take a place in society.

Unfortunately, not all children participated in a free public education, at least not for many years of their lives. Lack

of child labor legislation contributed to the employment of vast numbers of children and those who were able to continue through high school were not in the majority. Translated, this meant that educators were not responsible for instructing all of the children of all of the people. Generally speaking, children of less than average academic ability tended to leave school at an early age. Consequently, student bodies were somewhat selective and public schools were not subject to the same criticism that one may hear today.

During the past few years there has been an expressed concern that the "basics" of education have been neglected and that "frills" have come to occupy an increasingly larger amount of a pupil's time. The fundamental disciplines have always been taught in the public schools, although in their quest to promote more efficient learning, educators have explored different methods. Some of these have been found to be less than acceptable and discarded; others have proved to be successful and retained.

Respecting the necessity for individuals to become as well-grounded as possible in fundamental processes, it is important to understand that there are reasons for providing other kinds of opportunities in the length and breadth of educational offerings. The very fact that there is a broad range of individual differences within society requires a constant review of the curriculum in order to meet the needs of students. Only in this way can we fulfill the hopes of our founding fathers who wrote that one of the unalienable rights of man was the pursuit of happiness.

Standing on the threshold of the tricentennial years, the people of this nation are confronted with problems never envisioned by the colonists. Technology and technocracy have created problems as they have solved them. As mankind found ways to utilize natural resources, so did he pollute the air and waters about. As he built factories, so did he bring workers to live in cities now festering with multidimensional problems. As he invented the automobile and constructed highways, so did he kill and mangle himself. In spite of this, man has little choice but to continue to strive for the improvement of self and society. The errors of the

past must be corrected and every mind must be encouraged to seek the best that it is possible for life to offer.

To meet this challenge, educators must continue to provide instruction in the basic disciplines, but never can they ignore the fact that in some small way people differ one from the other. Because of this, it is necessary to provide opportunities embodied in the concept of the original academies, for in no other way can this nation give full recognition to the pursuit of happiness as being an unalienable right. And, as young children develop, so will they become contributing members of a society that is destined to carry on the work started two hundred years ago.

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Amherst Elementary School

As of January 3, 1977 the enrollment in the Elementary School was as follows:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Readiness | 41 | Grade III | 178 |
| Grade I | 194 | Grade IV | 182 |
| Grade II | 181 | Total | 776 |

With Staff Development now the avenue through which teachers become recertified, school systems are encouraged to provide in-service training as well as making the staff aware of course offerings. This spring a number of teachers will be taking a Teacher Effectiveness Training Course which will be offered at the Wilkins School.

The Mathematics Committee, which is in its third-year phase, has adopted a pre- and post-test for each unit taught in the mathematics continuum. Some of the Reading Committee members have attended workshops to assist them in developing a continuum of basic reading skills. They have reviewed several skills checklists and will be developing one which is relevant to our needs.

Our staff has changed this year with the addition of three new full-time positions, part-time music and art instructors at Clark School, and replacements for members who left. We welcomed the following people to our staff:

| | |
|---|---|
| David April | Physical Education |
| Margaret Bauer | Music – Clark School |
| Bonnie Campbell | Aide – Grade I |
| Mary Desfosses | Library |
| Ann Hoag | Aide – Grade II |
| Marion Houston | Aide – Clark School |
| Mary Lefebvre | Aide – Grade IV |
| Linda Maston | Readiness |
| Nancy Michaels | Grade II |
| Mary Moulthrop | Art – Clark School |
| Priscilla Pixley | Grade I |
| Mary Ryan | Title I Aide |
| Nicki Salta | Grade I |
| Ann Webb | Grade II |

When the staff and students returned in September they found booklets which were developed and compiled during the summer explaining procedures and policies of the elementary school. A Parent Volunteer booklet was also compiled to help parents and other school volunteers become more aware of how to become a volunteer and what they can do to help children achieve their potential.

In early September, teachers had an evening meeting with parents to explain the goals and objectives of their classroom. It gave the parents an opportunity to become familiar with materials their children were going to be working with during this school year. Another opportunity for parents to meet with their child's teacher was the very successful open house which was held in October. A third opportunity for parent-teacher communication was presented during the parent-teacher conference. It is hoped that this series of meetings enable the parents to obtain a better understanding of what the school system is trying to achieve.

The Christmas season brought to the elementary students and parents another musical program performed by our fourth grade students. This year's presentation, entitled "Christmas in the Circus", was organized and directed by Mrs. Marguerite Brockway and Mrs. Lucille Hart. The M.A.S.H. Senior High School Band and Chorus entertained the third and fourth grade students with a portion of their Christmas Concert.

During the spring we will be having another musical entitled "The Wizard of Oz" performed by the Creative Arts Performers of Amherst under the direction of Betty Stewart. A fourth assembly for the students is scheduled prior to the Memorial Day break.

After seven year of service to the school, Mrs. Lucille Hart will be resigning in June. I would like to publicly thank her for all the help she has given to the students and teachers through her job and in the direction of the Wilkinettes.

The students, staff and I would like to express our appreciation to the parent volunteers, room mothers, and the P.T.A. who have continued to give our school support.

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Amherst Middle School

The 1976-77 school year began with the Middle School operating a complete program in academic and special subjects areas.

New additions to the faculty for the 1976-77 year were:

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|---|---|
| Mr. Roger Cormier | Industrial Arts |
| Mrs. Patricia LaBarre | Home Economics |
| Mr. Ronald Reid | Art |
| Mrs. Linda Burrall | Grade 6 |

Returning after a sabbatical leave to obtain her Masters Degree, was Mrs. Marcia Perry, in Music.

Early in the school year, the Stanford Achievement Tests were administered to students in grades six and eight. The results were most satisfactory as 95% of the students in these two grades were average or above. This figure, compared to the 1975-76 test results, shows an eighteen percent improvement based on the national test norms.

The growth of Amherst, and a consequent increase in new students, prompted the Guidance Counselor to conduct a survey to determine just how many students started grade one in Amherst. The results of that survey are as follows: In grade five, 56% (95 students) started school in Amherst; in grade six, 41% (79 students); in grade seven, 39% (71 students); and in grade eight, 34% (61 students). Some other statistics that proved interesting: of the 714 Middle School students, 120 pupils started school in Massachusetts; 89 in other New Hampshire schools; 46 in New York, 29 in New Jersey; 29 in Connecticut; 16 in Illinois; 13 in California; 12 in Maine; 12 in Pennsylvania; 10 in Rhode Island and 10 in Virginia. As a total, the Middle School student body consists of students from 28 states and 3 foreign countries.

During the fall months, the Middle School administration and the PTA organized coffee hours for parents during the school day. Parents were given the opportunity to meet with the Principal and the academic teachers for at least one hour before touring the school to see it in operation. The response from both the teachers and parents was most favorable.

The curriculum for the school was completed for all students. The addition of the four special subject teachers enabled us to provide a full program for all the students in grades five through eight in art, music, industrial arts and home economics.

The basic academic program was again enriched by the interdisciplinary units. The response to these programs continues to be a high point in each school year. The Olympics in grade eight and the Outdoor Classroom for grade seven were the new units for the 1976-77 school year. Both of these units will be held in the spring of 1977.

I wish to thank the members and Co-Presidents, Mr. and Mrs. Carper, of the Amherst Parent Teacher Association. They are important contributors to the total school that enables it to be so successful.

The dedication and commitment of the Middle School staff to the children deserves continual praise. The support of the Amherst School District to provide the policy and tax monies necessary for each student sets Amherst as a leader in New Hampshire education.

This past year again proves that together we are successful for the educational program of the Middle School students.

ROLAND L. SCHOEPF, Superintendent of Schools

HERBERT F. OLIVER, Principal, Elementary Schools

PAUL D. COLLINS, Principal, Middle School

## FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE AMHERST SCHOOL BOARD

**For the Fiscal Year July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976**

| | |
|---|---|
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | $2,610,478 35 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | 2,523,487 58 |
| General Fund Balance | $ 86,990 77 |

### RECEIPTS IN DETAIL

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Current Appropriations | | $2,197,902 02 |
| Tuition from Patrons | | 1,228 36 |
| **Revenue from Local Sources** | | |
| Earnings from Permanent Funds & Endowments | $ 1,222 35 | |
| Earnings from Temporary Deposits & Investments | 2,526 95 | |
| Rent | 2,267 50 | |
| Other Revenue from Local Sources | 13,699 79 | |
| | | 19,716 59 |
| **Revenue from State Sources** | | |
| Foundation Aid | $25,514 85 | |
| School Building Aid | 71,432 81 | |
| Sweepstakes | 44,086 64 | |
| Foster Children Aid | 400 00 | |
| | | 141,434 30 |
| **Revenue from Federal Sources** | | |
| NDEA | $ 775 00 | |
| School Lunch & Special Milk | 35,597 65 | |
| Public Law 874 | 14,805 00 | |
| Title III | 12,448 54 | |
| Title VI | 545 52 | |
| Other Revenue from Federal Sources | 253 10 | |
| | | 64,424 81 |
| **Bonds and Notes** | | |
| Premiums & Interest | | 40,499 33 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Sale of School Property and Insurance Adjustment** | | |
| Net Insurance Recovery | | 4,479 05 |
| | | $2,469,684 46 |
| Cash on Hand at Beginning of Year, July 1, 1975 | | |
| General Fund | | 96,943 79 |
| Capital Outlay Fund | | 43,850 10 |
| Grand Total Net Receipts | | $2,610,478 35 |

## PAYMENTS IN DETAIL

### July 1, 1975 - June 30, 1976

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | **100 Series Administration** | | |
| 110 | Salaries of Officers | $2,089 10 | |
| 135 | Contracted Services | 300 00 | |
| 190 | Other Expenses | 3,174 20 | |
| | | | $ 5,563 30 |
| | **200 Series Instruction** | | |
| 210 | Salaries | $914,772 07 | |
| 215 | Textbooks | 9,280 38 | |
| 220 | School Libraries & A.V. | 14,792 25 | |
| 230 | Teaching Supplies | 47,702 10 | |
| 235 | Contracted Services | 4,230 18 | |
| 290 | Other Expenses | 4,590 64 | |
| | | | 995,367 62 |
| | **300 Series Attendance Services** | | 50 00 |
| | **400 Series Health Services** | | |
| 410 | Salaries | $12,100 00 | |
| 490 | Other | 774 28 | |
| | | | 12,874 28 |
| | **500 Series Pupil Transportation** | | |
| 535 | Contracted Services | $116,284 00 | |
| 590 | Other Expenses | 4,225 00 | |
| | | | 120,509 00 |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **600 Series Operation of Plant** | | | |
| 610 Salaries | $59,721 91 | | |
| 630 Supplies, except Utilities | 11,079 56 | | |
| 635 Contracted Services | 1,787 40 | | |
| 640 Heat for Buildings | 52,150 96 | | |
| 645 Utilities, except Heat | 35,799 08 | | |
| | | 160,538 | 91 |
| **700 Series Maintenance of Plant** | | | |
| 725 Replacement of Equipment | $4,478 77 | | |
| 726 Repairs to Equipment | 584 37 | | |
| 735 Contracted Services | 9,169 64 | | |
| 766 Repairs to Buildings | 7,842 58 | | |
| | | 22,075 | 36 |
| **800 Series Fixed Charges** | | | |
| 850.1 Employees' Retire. System | $ 1,206 00 | | |
| 850.2 Teachers' Retire. System | 15,720 35 | | |
| 850.3 F.I.C.A. | 56,026 30 | | |
| 855 Insurance | 10,894 00 | | |
| | | 83,846 | 65 |
| **900 Series School Lunch & Spec. Milk** | | 21,010 | 67 |
| **1000 Series Student Body Activities** | | 2,338 | 50 |
| **1100 Series Community Activities** | | 4,170 | 30 |
| **1200 Series Capital Outlay** | | | |
| 1267 Equipment | | 54,758 | 86 |
| **1300 Series Debt Service** | | | |
| 1370 Principal of Debt | $235,000 00 | | |
| 1371 Interest on Debt | 156,010 00 | | |
| 1390 Other Debt Service | 11 05 | | |
| | | 391,021 | 05 |
| **1400 Series Outgoing Transfer Account** | | | |
| 1477.1 Tuition | $580,265 14 | | |
| 1477.3 Supervisory Union Share | 45,756 57 | | |
| 1479.1 Tuition to Private Nonsectarian Schools | 14,126 61 | | |
| 1479.2 Transportation | 9,214 76 | | |
| | | 649,363 | 08 |
| Grand Total Net Expenditures | | $2,523,487 | 58 |

## BALANCE SHEET — JUNE 30, 1976

### ASSETS

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash on Hand, June 30, 1976 | |
| General Fund | $86,990 77 |
| Emotionally Disturbed Fund | 973 53 |
| Adult Education | 172 50 |
| Total Assets | $88,136 80 |
| Net Debt (Excess of Liabilities over Assets) | 0 00 |
| Grand Total | $88,136 80 |

### LIABILITIES

| | |
|---|---|
| Amounts Reserved for Special Purposes | |
| Building Fund | $ 0 00 |
| Emotionally Disturbed Fund | 373 53 |
| Adult Education | 562 50 |
| Accounts Owed by District | |
| Accounts Payable | 23,182 24 |
| Total Liabilities | $24,718 27 |
| Surplus (Excess of Assets over Liabilities) | 63,418 53 |
| Grand Total | $88,136 80 |

### CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief. The accounts are kept in accordance with Section 24 of Chapter 71 of the Revised Statutes Annotated, and upon forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue Administration.

ELIZABETH D. PUDDINGTON
RONALD L. POMERLEAU
HERBERT C. STEARNS
School Board
ROLAND L. SCHOEPF, Superintendent

August 2, 1976

## AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT
## SCHOOL BONDS

Bonds issued in $5,000 denominations except $2,000 due September 15, 1966 issued in $1,000 denominations.
Coupons payable March 15 and September 15.
Principal Maturing: 1966-1980.
Rate: 3.30%.

| Coupon Amount | $16.50-$1,000 | $82.50-$5,000 | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Date | Interest | Principal | Maturing |
| 3-15-66 | $9,025.50 | $547,000 | —— |
| 9-15-66 | 9,025.50 | 547,000 | $42,000 |
| 3-15-67 | 8,332.50 | 505,000 | —— |
| 9-15-67 | 8,332.50 | 505,000 | 40,000 |
| 3-15-68 | 7,672.50 | 465,000 | —— |
| 9-15-68 | 7,672.50 | 465,000 | 40,000 |
| 3-15-69 | 7,012.50 | 425,000 | —— |
| 9-15-69 | 7,012.50 | 425,000 | 40,000 |
| 3-15-70 | 6,352.50 | 385,000 | —— |
| 9-15-70 | 6,352.50 | 385,000 | 35,000 |
| 3-15-71 | 5,775.00 | 350,000 | —— |
| 9-15-71 | 5,775.00 | 350,000 | 35,000 |
| 3-15-72 | 5,197.50 | 315,000 | —— |
| 9-15-72 | 5,197.50 | 315,000 | 35,000 |
| 3-15-73 | 4,620.00 | 280,000 | —— |
| 9-15-73 | 4,620.00 | 280,000 | 35,000 |
| 3-15-74 | 4,042.50 | 245,000 | —— |
| 9-15-74 | 4,042.50 | 245,000 | 35,000 |
| 3-15-75 | 3,465.00 | 210,000 | —— |
| 9-15-75 | 3,465.00 | 210,000 | 35,000 |
| 3-15-76 | 2,887.50 | 175,000 | —— |
| 9-15-76 | 2,887.50 | 175,000 | 35,000 |
| 3-15-77 | 2,310.00 | 140,000 | —— |
| 9-15-77 | 2,310.00 | 140,000 | 35,000 |
| 3-15-78 | 1,732.50 | 105,000 | —— |
| 9-15-78 | 1,732.50 | 105,000 | 35,000 |
| 3-15-79 | 1,155.00 | 70,000 | —— |
| 9-15-79 | 1,155.00 | 70,000 | 35,000 |
| 3-15-80 | 577.50 | 35,000 | —— |
| 9-15-80 | 577.50 | 35,000 | 35,000 |

## AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT
## SCHOOL BONDS

Bonds issued on August 1, 1968 in $5,000 denominations.
Coupons payable February 1 and August 1.
Principal Maturing: 1969-1983.
Rate: 4.20%.
Coupon Amount: $105.00-$5,000.00

| Date | Interest | Principal | Maturing |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2-1-69 | $3,570.00 | $170,000 | — |
| 8-1-69 | 3,570.00 | 170,000 | $15,000 |
| 2-1-70 | 3,255.00 | 155,000 | — |
| 8-1-70 | 3,255.00 | 155,000 | 15,000 |
| 2-1-71 | 2,940.00 | 140,000 | — |
| 8-1-71 | 2,940.00 | 140,000 | 15,000 |
| 2-1-72 | 2,625.00 | 125,000 | — |
| 8-1-72 | 2,625.00 | 125,000 | 15,000 |
| 2-1-73 | 2,310.00 | 110,000 | — |
| 8-1-73 | 2,310.00 | 110,000 | 10,000 |
| 2-1-74 | 2,100.00 | 100,000 | — |
| 8-1-74 | 2,100.00 | 100,000 | 10,000 |
| 2-1-75 | 1,890.00 | 90,000 | — |
| 8-1-75 | 1,890.00 | 90,000 | 10,000 |
| 2-1-76 | 1,680.00 | 80,000 | — |
| 8-1-76 | 1,680.00 | 80,000 | 10,000 |
| 2-1-77 | 1,470.00 | 70,000 | — |
| 8-1-77 | 1,470.00 | 70,000 | 10,000 |
| 2-1-78 | 1,260.00 | 60,000 | — |
| 8-1-78 | 1,260.00 | 60,000 | 10,000 |
| 2-1-79 | 1,050.00 | 50,000 | — |
| 8-1-79 | 1,050.00 | 50,000 | 10,000 |
| 2-1-80 | 840.00 | 40,000 | — |
| 8-1-80 | 840.00 | 40,000 | 10,000 |
| 2-1-81 | 630.00 | 30,000 | — |
| 8-1-81 | 630.00 | 30,000 | 10,000 |
| 2-1-82 | 420.00 | 20,000 | — |
| 8-1-82 | 420.00 | 20,000 | 10,000 |
| 2-1-83 | 210.00 | 10,000 | — |
| 8-1-83 | 210.00 | 10,000 | 10,000 |

## AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT
## SCHOOL BONDS

Bonds issued in $5,000 denominations.
Coupons payable March 15 and September 15.
Principal Maturing: 1970-1984.
Rate: 6.5%.

| Date | Interest | Principal | Maturing |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3-15-70 | $12,350.00 | $380,000 | — |
| 9-15-70 | 12,350.00 | 380,000 | $30,000 |
| 3-15-71 | 11,375.00 | 350,000 | — |
| 9-15-71 | 11,375.00 | 350,000 | 25,000 |
| 3-15-72 | 10,562.50 | 325,000 | — |
| 9-15-72 | 10,562.50 | 325,000 | 25,000 |
| 3-15-73 | 9,750.00 | 300,000 | — |
| 9-15-73 | 9,750.00 | 300,000 | 25,000 |
| 3-15-74 | 8,937.50 | 275,000 | — |
| 9-15-74 | 8,937.50 | 275,000 | 25,000 |
| 3-15-75 | 8,125.00 | 250,000 | — |
| 9-15-75 | 8,125.00 | 250,000 | 25,000 |
| 3-15-76 | 7,312.50 | 225,000 | — |
| 9-15-76 | 7,312.50 | 225,000 | 25,000 |
| 3-15-77 | 6,500.00 | 200,000 | — |
| 9-15-77 | 6,500.00 | 200,000 | 25,000 |
| 3-15-78 | 5,687.50 | 175,000 | — |
| 9-15-78 | 5,687.50 | 175,000 | 25,000 |
| 3-15-79 | 4,875.00 | 150,000 | — |
| 9-15-79 | 4,875.00 | 150,000 | 25,000 |
| 3-15-80 | 4,062.50 | 125,000 | — |
| 9-15-80 | 4,062.50 | 125,000 | 25,000 |
| 3-15-81 | 3,250.00 | 100,000 | — |
| 9-15-81 | 3,250.00 | 100,000 | 25,000 |
| 3-15-82 | 2,437.50 | 75,000 | — |
| 9-15-82 | 2,437.50 | 75,000 | 25,000 |
| 3-15-83 | 1,625.00 | 50,000 | — |
| 9-15-83 | 1,625.00 | 50,000 | 25,000 |
| 3-15-84 | 812.50 | 25,000 | — |
| 9-15-84 | 812.50 | 25,000 | 25,000 |

# AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT
# SCHOOL BONDS

Bonds issued in $5,000 denominations
Coupons payable February 1 and August 1
Principal Maturing 1974-93
Rate 4.80%

| Date | Interest | Principal | Maturing |
|---|---|---|---|
| 8-1-73 | $48,000 | $2,000,000 | |
| 2-1-74 | 48,000 | 2,000,000 | $100,000 |
| 8-1-74 | 45,600 | 1,900,000 | |
| 2-1-75 | 45,600 | 1,900,000 | 100,000 |
| 8-1-75 | 43,200 | 1,800,000 | |
| 2-1-76 | 43,200 | 1,800,000 | 100,000 |
| 8-1-76 | 40,800 | 1,700,000 | |
| 2-1-77 | 40,800 | 1,700,000 | 100,000 |
| 8-1-77 | 38,400 | 1,600,000 | |
| 2-1-78 | 38,400 | 1,600,000 | 100,000 |
| 8-1-78 | 36,000 | 1,500,000 | |
| 2-1-79 | 36,000 | 1,500,000 | 100,000 |
| 8-1-79 | 33,600 | 1,400,000 | |
| 2-1-80 | 33,600 | 1,400,000 | 100,000 |
| 8-1-80 | 31,200 | 1,300,000 | |
| 2-1-81 | 31,200 | 1,300,000 | 100,000 |
| 8-1-81 | 28,800 | 1,200,000 | |
| 2-1-82 | 28,800 | 1,200,000 | 100,000 |
| 8-1-82 | 26,400 | 1,100,000 | |
| 2-1-83 | 26,400 | 1,100,000 | 100,000 |
| 8-1-83 | 24,000 | 1,000,000 | |
| 2-1-84 | 24,000 | 1,000,000 | 100,000 |
| 8-1-84 | 21,600 | 900,000 | |
| 2-1-85 | 21,600 | 900,000 | 100,000 |
| 8-1-85 | 19,200 | 800,000 | |
| 2-1-86 | 19,200 | 800,000 | 100,000 |
| 8-1-86 | 16,800 | 700,000 | |
| 2-1-87 | 16,800 | 700,000 | 100,000 |
| 8-1-87 | 14,400 | 600,000 | |
| 2-1-88 | 14,400 | 600,000 | 100,000 |
| 8-1-88 | 12,000 | 500,000 | |
| 2-1-89 | 12,000 | 500,000 | 100,000 |
| 8-1-89 | 9,600 | 400,000 | |
| 2-1-90 | 9,600 | 400,000 | 100,000 |
| 8-1-90 | 7,200 | 300,000 | |
| 2-1-91 | 7,200 | 300,000 | 100,000 |
| 8-1-91 | 4,800 | 200,000 | |
| 2-1-92 | 4,800 | 200,000 | 100,000 |
| 8-1-92 | 2,400 | 100,000 | |
| 2-1-93 | 2,400 | 100,000 | 100,000 |

## AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT
## SCHOOL BONDS

Bonds issued on March 15, 1974 in $5,000 denominations.
Coupons payable September 15 and March 15.
Principal Maturing: 1974-1989.
Rate: 5.00%.

| Date | Interest | Principal | Maturing |
|---|---|---|---|
| 9-15-74 | $23,750 | $950,000 | — |
| 3-15-75 | 23,750 | 950,000 | $65,000 |
| 9-15-75 | 22,125 | 885,000 | — |
| 3-15-76 | 22,125 | 885,000 | 65,000 |
| 9-15-76 | 20,500 | 820,000 | — |
| 3-15-77 | 20,500 | 820,000 | 65,000 |
| 9-15-77 | 18,875 | 755,000 | — |
| 3-15-78 | 18,875 | 755,000 | 65,000 |
| 9-15-78 | 17,250 | 690,000 | — |
| 3-15-79 | 17,250 | 690,000 | 65,000 |
| 9-15-79 | 15,625 | 625,000 | — |
| 3-15-80 | 15,625 | 625,000 | 65,000 |
| 9-15-80 | 14,000 | 560,000 | — |
| 3-15-81 | 14,000 | 560,000 | 65,000 |
| 9-15-81 | 12,375 | 495,000 | — |
| 3-15-82 | 12,375 | 495,000 | 65,000 |
| 9-15-82 | 10,750 | 430,000 | — |
| 3-15-83 | 10,750 | 430,000 | 65,000 |
| 9-15-83 | 9,125 | 365,000 | — |
| 3-15-84 | 9,125 | 365,000 | 65,000 |
| 9-15-84 | 7,500 | 300,000 | — |
| 3-15-85 | 7,500 | 300,000 | 60,000 |
| 9-15-85 | 6,000 | 240,000 | — |
| 3-15-86 | 6,000 | 240,000 | 60,000 |
| 9-15-86 | 4,500 | 180,000 | — |
| 3-15-87 | 4,500 | 180,000 | 60,000 |
| 9-15-87 | 3,000 | 120,000 | — |
| 3-15-88 | 3,000 | 120,000 | 60,000 |
| 9-15-88 | 1,500 | 60,000 | — |
| 3-15-89 | 1,500 | 60,000 | 60,000 |

## AMHERST SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

### Financial Statement
### July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Beginning Balance – July 1, 1975 | | $ 146 65 |
| **Receipts:** | | |
| Lunch Sales – Children | $45,403 75 | |
| Lunch Sales – Adults | 2,997 15 | |
| Reimbursements | 19,698 71 | |
| Miscellaneous Cash | 683 21 | |
| Total Receipts | | 68,782 82 |
| Total Available | | $68,929 47 |
| **Expenditures:** | | |
| Food | $34,487 53 | |
| Labor | 26,133 49 | |
| Equipment | 1,453 06 | |
| All Other Expenditures | 4,853 89 | |
| Total Expenditures | | 66,927 97 |
| Balance June 30, 1976 | | $ 2,001 50 |

Other Program Resources:
USDA Commodities Received
(Wholesale Value) $7,473.41

### Balance Sheet
### Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1976

| | |
|---|---|
| **Assets:** | |
| Cash in Bank | $ 2,001 50 |
| Reimbursement Due Program | 8,589 72 |
| Food Inventory – June 30 | 453 82 |
| Supplies Inventory – June 30 | 250 00 |
| Total Assets | $11,295 04 |
| **Liabilities:** | |
| Accounts Payable – Total Liabilities | $ 5,288 29 |
| Working Capital | 6,006 75 |
| Total Liabilities and Working Capital | $11,295 04 |

## SUPERVISORY UNION 41

### Administrative Salaries — 1975-76

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **A. Superintendent** | | |
| State Share | | $ 2,500 00 |
| Local Share | | |
| Amherst | $11,668 38 | |
| Brookline | 2,113 10 | |
| Hollis | 8,818 52 | |
| | ———— | 22,600 00 |
| | | ———— |
| | | $25,100 00 |
| **B. Business Administrator** | | |
| State Share | | $ 2,350 00 |
| Local Share | | |
| Amherst | $6,081 36 | |
| Brookline | 1,101 31 | |
| Hollis | 4,596 07 | |
| | ———— | 11,778 74 |
| | | ———— |
| | | *$14,128 74 |

| | |
|---|---|
| *July 1, 1975 - October 10, 1975 | $4,829 22 |
| November 24, 1975 - June 30, 1976 | 9,299 52 |
| | ———— |
| | $14,128 74 |

## TITLE I FUNDS — 1975-1976

### Supervisory Unions No. 40 and 41

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Allocation: | | |
| Amherst | | $17,393 00 |
| Brookline | | 5,885 00 |
| Hollis | | 17,801 00 |
| Milford | | 30,887 00 |
| Mont Vernon | | 884 00 |
| Total | | $72,850 00 |
| Expended 1975-1976 | $66,364 27 | |
| Committed | 1,320 81 | |
| | | 67,685 08 |
| Balance | | $ 5,164 92 |

## INSURANCE COVERAGE

| | |
|---|---|
| Institutional Policy | |
| Section I | |
| Real and Personal Property | $4,608,788 |
| Wilkins School<br>Clark School<br>Middle School | ($500 deductible) |
| Boiler and Machinery | $100,000/accident |
| Person Injury | $1,000,000 aggregate |
| Teachers Liability | All Teachers |
| Section II | |
| Liability | $1,000,000 bodily injury<br>$25,000 property damage |
| Auto Liability and Physical Damage | |
| Van & Employers Non-ownership Liability | $100,000/$300,000 bodily injury<br>$50,000 property damage<br>$5,000 medical payment<br>ACV Comprehensive<br>$100 deductible collision |
| Board of Education Liability | $1,000,000 ($2,500 deductible) |
| Position Bond | |
| Treasurer | $25,000 |
| School Lunch Director | $10,000 |
| Workmen's Compensation | $100,000 statutory |
| Nurses' Professional Liability | $100,000/$300,000 |

## MILFORD AREA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

### 1976 Amherst Graduates

Abbate, Elizabeth
Allen, Scott
Anderson, Robert
Antonelli, Stephen
Baker, Kelly
*Biddle, Susan
Bolnick, Jerry
Bourdon, Ellison
Brewer, Kenneth
Brewster, Mark
Burns, Scott
Cadorette, Stephen
Califono, Michelle
Calvetti, David
Caulfield, Faith
Chenard, Ann
Coldwell, Darleen
Collins, Paul
Comins, Susan Jane
Copertino, Lenora
Cowell, Betsy
Crocker, Stephen
*Cummings, Mary
Daly, William
Davis, Mark
Doherty, Brian
Dove, Alan
Duval, Janice
Ela, Richard
Ela, Robert
Fedas, Jack
Fraser, Cathy
Gagnon, Stephen
Glorioso, Carl
Glorioso, John
*Gochee, Patricia
Gray, Margo
Greaney, Kathryn
Grier, Mary
Grossheim, Carla
Guy, Diana
Hall, Janet
Haughey, Diana
*Helfrich, Holly
Hineman, Mona
Hollon, Barbara
Holt, Richard
Huebner, David
*Hunsaker, Lee
Jarvinen, Michael
Johnson, Bruce
Kamieniecki, Steven
Kaufold, Kurt
*Keefe, Alice
Klumpp, Kevin
LaFlamme, Stephen
*Lancaster, Teresa
Leach, Michael
*Litchfield, Denise
Ludvigsen, Alfred
Lynch, Daniel
Lyon, Peter
Maas, Karl
*Manoogian, Wendy
Martel, Theresa
*Martini, Margaret
*Martini, William
McFarland, Daniel
McLeod, Bonnie
Menold, Michael
Miolla, Raymond
Mitkus, Debra
Nataloni, Pamela
Ouellette, William

Palm, Kristi
Pederzani, Gene
Pelletier, Mark
Perkins, David
Picard, Michele
Pierce, Nancy
Polson, William
Porter, Robin
Potter, Meredith
Powers, Terri
Pullar, Timothy
Richman, Robin
*Ritchie, Denis
Rosedoff, Sheryl
Ryan, Timothy
Schmitz, Kathy
Sessler, Linda
Shallman, John
*Simpson, Charles
Sortevik, Laurie
Spalding, Scott
Spears, Darcy
*Stone, David
Sugar, Mark
Sutton, Melissa
Swanson, Karen
*Tefft, Margaret
Thompson, Teresa
True, Brett
Violette, Michael
Walker, Jay
Weatherbee, Carol
Webb, Kathryn
*Weimont, Heidi
Young, Raymond
Young, William

*Members of the National Honor Society

## GENERAL STATISTICS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 1975-76

Unrepeated State Registration 1437

Boys 747 Girls 690

Enrollment by Grades:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| I | 203 | V | 176 |
| II | 169 | VI | 165 |
| III | 183 | VII | 181 |
| IV | 162 | VIII | 198 |

Average Membership in Grades 1-8 1377.2

Percent of Attendance in Grades 1-8 94%

Number of Sessions in All Schools

| | |
|---|---|
| Elementary | 360 |
| Middle | 356 |

Teaching Positions:

| | |
|---|---|
| Full-time | 70 |
| Part-time | 6 |

Amherst Tuition Pupils Attending Milford AREA Schools 1975-76:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| IX | 173 | XI | 142 |
| X | 152 | XII | 130 |

Trainable Class 2

Special Education Class 2

# AMHERST SCHOOL CENSUS REPORT – 1976-77

| | Ages as of 9-1-76 | Total | Boys | Girls | Public School Within District | Public School Outside District | Parochial School Outside District | Private School Within District | Private School Outside District | Reached 14 or 16, completed Elem. but not High School | Completed High School |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less than | 1 | 67 | 30 | 37 | | | | | | | |
| | 1 | 57 | 33 | 24 | | | | | | | |
| | 2 | 90 | 49 | 41 | | | | | | | |
| | 3 | 131 | 69 | 62 | | | | 27 | 3 | | |
| | 4 | 115 | 59 | 56 | | | | 56 | 3 | | |
| | 5 | 146 | 86 | 60 | | | | 81 | 14 | | |
| | 6 | 180 | 88 | 92 | 177 | | | | 3 | | |
| | 7 | 174 | 92 | 82 | 171 | | | | 3 | | |
| | 8 | 174 | 86 | 88 | 171 | | | | 3 | | |
| | 9 | 196 | 107 | 89 | 193 | | | | 3 | | |
| | 10 | 158 | 83 | 75 | 157 | | | | 1 | | |
| | 11 | 186 | 98 | 88 | 184 | 1 | | | 1 | | |
| | 12 | 185 | 107 | 78 | 181 | 1 | | | 3 | | |
| | 13 | 188 | 103 | 85 | 142 | 34 | 5 | | 7 | | |
| | 14 | 191 | 83 | 108 | 11 | 148 | 20 | | 12 | | |
| | 15 | 178 | 90 | 88 | 5 | 151 | 12 | | 9 | 1 | |
| | 16 | 155 | 84 | 71 | | 137 | 3 | | 14 | | 1 |
| | 17 | 154 | 79 | 75 | | 101 | 8 | | 31 | 5 | 9 |
| | 18 | 128 | 74 | 54 | | 9 | 1 | | 81 | 4 | 33 |
| Total | | 2853 | 1500 | 1353 | 1392 | 582 | 49 | 164 | 191 | 10 | 43 |

# TEACHER ROSTER

## Amherst Elementary Schools

| *Name* | *Exp.* | *Assignment* | *College* | *Degree* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Oliver, Herbert | 11 | Principal | Univ. of New Hampshire | M.Ed. |
| April, David | 0 | Physical Ed. | Plymouth State College | B.S. |
| Austin. Joel | 4 | Guidance | Antioch College | M.Ed. |
| Barlick, Michael | 4 | Grade 4 | Keene State College | B.E. |
| Barry. Patricia | 3 | Grade 2 | Westfield State College | B.S. |
| Bauer, Margaret | 0 | Music p.t. | Boston University | M.A. |
| Bean, Sandra | 13 | Grade 2 | Keene State College | B.E. |
| Brockway, Marguerite | 8 | Music | American University | M.A. |
| Brown, Pamala | 6 | Grade 3 | Keene State College | B.E. |
| Chicoine, Carolyn | 10 | Grade 4 | University of Vermont | B.S. |
| Collins, Patricia | 9 | Grade 2 | State College at Boston | B.S.Ed. |
| DeCamp, Carolyn | 2 | Readiness | Fitchburg State College | B.S. |
| Delisle, Laurette | 7 | Grade 3 | Rivier College | B.A. |
| Desfosses, Mary | 1 | Librarian | Simmons College | M.S. |
| Dwyer, Richard | 0 | Reading Cons. | Suffolk University | M.Ed. |
| Dyer, Sarah | 10 | Grade 2 | Univ. of New Hampshire | M.Ed. |
| Hamilton, Joy | 5 | Grade 3 | Univ. of New Hampshire | M.Ed. |
| Head, Nancy | 10 | L.D. | Keene State College | M.Ed. |
| Lambarth, Addie Ann | 6 | Grade 4 | Plattsburgh State College | M.S. |
| Lantaff, Denise | 13 | Grade 1 | Notre Dame College | B.A. |
| Lathrop, Cynthia | 13 | Grade 4 | Skidmore College | B.S. |
| Lewandowski, Donna | 8 | Grade 1 | Univ. of New Hampshire | B.S. |
| Lovell, Eleanor | 3 | Readiness | Simmons College | B.S. |
| Marx, Karen | 5 | Grade 1 | Univ. of Minnesota | B.S. |
| Maston, Linda | 3 | Readiness | Lesley College | B.S. |
| McCormack, Margaret | 12 | Grade 4 | Keene State College | B.E. |
| McEnnis, Shirley | 8 | Grade 1 | Univ. of New Hampshire | M.Ed. |
| McGovern, Lee | 2 | Grade 3 | Salem State College | B.S. |
| Moulthrop, Mary | 1 | Art p.t. | Univ. of New Hampshire | B.S. |
| Nason, Julie | 4 | Grade 4 | Univ. of Connecticut | M.A. |
| Parrish, Cassandra | 6 | Grade 1 | Univ. of New Hampshire | M.Ed. |
| Piotrowski, Suzanne | 5 | Grade 1 | Rivier College | B.A. |
| Pixley, Priscilla | 1 | Grade 1 | Keene State College | B.S. |
| Quigley, David | 1 | Grade 3 | Keene State College | B.E. |
| Robinson. Paulina | 4 | Grade 4 | Plymouth State College | B.S. |
| Salta, Nichola | 1 | Grade 1 | Univ. of New Hampshire | B.A. |
| Scagnelli, Janet | 4 | Grade 3 | Rivier College | B.A. |
| Shervanian, Ann | 17 | Speech Therapist | Boston University | B.S. |
| Silverman, Audrey | 11 | Grade 2 | Univ. of New Hampshire | M.Ed. |
| Sullivan, Leslie | 3 | Grade 3 | Salem State College | B.S.Ed. |
| Tendler, Roberta | 7 | Grade 2 | Wheelock College | B.S. |
| Trudo, Christina | 10 | Readiness | Univ. of New Hampshire | M.Ed. |
| Tyrrell, JoAn | 9 | Art | Texas Western University | B.A. |
| Webb, Ann | 2 | Grade 2 | Trenton State College | B.S. |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Campbell, Bonnie | Aide - Grade 1 | McGeoch, Rosalie | Nurse |
| Hoag, Anu | Aide - Grade 2 | Hart, Lucille | Secretary |
| Houston, Marion | Aide - Grade ½ | Trudo, Scott | Head Custodian |
| Lefebvre, Mary | Aide - Grade 4 | Palumbo, Nelson | Custodian |
| Martin, Katherine | Aid - Grade ½ | Palmitter, John | Custodian |
| Sickler, Evelyn | Aide - Grade 3 | Shorrock, Susan | Custodian |
| Bowler, Marcia | School Lunch | Maas, Dorothy | School Lunch |
| Goodman, Georgia | School Lunch | Pal, Carolina | School Lunch |
| Gorton, Estelle | School Lunch | Pezzullo, Alice | School Lunch |

# TEACHER ROSTER

## Amherst Middle School

| *Name* | *Exp.* | *Assignment* | *College* | *Degree* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Collins, Paul | 18 | Principal | State College at Boston | M.E. |
| Alden, Kathleen | 2 | Physical Ed. | Univ. of Maine | B.S.Ed. |
| Bacon, Jeryl | 1 | Grade 6 | Keene State College | B.S. |
| Barry, Marilyn | 4 | Art | Syracuse University | B.F.A. |
| Burrall, Leigh | 2 | Social Studies | Fitchburg State College | B.S. |
| Burrall, Linda | 0 | S.S./Lang. Arts | Fitchburg State College | B.S. |
| Capistran, Stephen | 6 | Science | Univ. of New Hampshire | B.A. |
| Caron, Lucie | 2 | French/Spanish | Rivier College | B.A. |
| Cormier, Roger | 1 | Industrial Arts | Fitchburg State College | B.S. |
| Cortellino, Joanne | 7 | Grade 5 | Rivier College | B.A. |
| Crothers, Carol | 3 | Grade 6 | Ohio Wesleyan University | B.A. |
| DeCamp, Gene | 2 | Social Studies | Fitchburg State College | B.S. |
| Ernst, Robert | 2 | Science | Boston State College | B.S. |
| Flahive, Bronwen | 5 | English | Antioch College | M.Ed. |
| Floryan, Ray | 5 | Grade 5 | Plymouth State College | M.E. |
| Gasser, Toni Beth | 2 | Grade 5 | Univ. of Hartford | B.S. |
| Harrington, John | 3 | Instr. Music | Lowell State College | B.Mus.Ed. |
| Hendershot, Darlene | 7 | English | Univ. of New Hampshire | B.A. |
| Jonson, Arthur | 1 | Math | Bates College | B.A. |
| Keaney, Cynthia | 6 | English | Salem State College | B.S. |
| Kelley, Timothy | 1 | Math | Holy Cross College | B.A. |
| Kenne, Joyce | 12 | Librarian | Eastern Michigan Univ. | B.S. |
| LaBarre, Patricia | 1 | Home Economics | Univ. of New Hampshire | B.S. |
| Langille, Kyle | 2 | Home Economics | Univ. of New Hampshire | B.S. |
| Lister, David | 7 | Physical Ed | Northeastern University | B.S. |
| Manley, Jonathan | 4 | Science | Keene State College | B.E. |
| Martin, Mary Alyce | 16 | Grade 6 | Boston College | M.Ed. |
| McCullough, Bruce | 7 | Science | Univ. of New Hampshire | M.A.T. |
| Miley, Pamela | 15 | Grade 6 | Univ. of Michigan | M.A.Ed. |
| Nadeau, Donna | 1 | French/Spanish | Univ. of New Hampshire | B.A. |
| Nielsen, Elden | 14 | Music | Mankato State College | M.S. |
| Olsen, Robert | 2 | Industrial Arts | Central Ct. State Col. | B.S. |
| Panagoulis, Janet | 6 | Grade 5 | St. Joseph's College | B.A. |
| Pena, Michael | 10 | Grade 6 | Lyndon State College | B.S.Ed. |
| Perry, Marcia | 22 | Music | Rivier College | M.E. |
| Pichette, Noella | 13 | French p.t. | Univ. of New Hampshire | B.A. |
| Reid, Ronald | 4 | Art | SUNY at Buffalo | B.S. |
| Roberts, Patricia | 8 | Grade 5 | Ohio State University | B.S. |
| Scollin, George | 7 | Guidance | Salem State College | Ed.M. |
| Shaw, Elizabeth | 23 | English | Tufts University | B.A. |
| Sirois, Diane | 8 | Grade 5 | Rivier College | B.A. |
| Stoelting, Dayle Ann | 7 | Reading | Univ. of Chicago | M.S.T. |
| Sullivan, Christine | 2 | L.D. | Boston College | A.B. |
| Treadwell, Jean | 6 | Math | Wellesley College | B.A. |
| Tumas, Paul | 2 | Social Studies | Univ. of Maine | M.A. |
| Walter, John | 7 | Grade 6 | Keene State College | B.E. |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Beauvais, Linda | Aide - Grade 8 | Caulfield, Hope | Nurse |
| Leblanc, Donna | Aide - Grade 7 | Duval, Patricia | Secretary |
| Marshall, June | Aide - Library | Hamel, Arthur | B & G Supervisor |
| Trevathan, Paula | Aide - Grade 6 | Copeland, Kenneth | Custodian |
| White, Margaret | Aide - Grade 5 | Smith, Richard | Custodian |
| Copeland, Shirley | School Lunch Dir. | True, Brett | Custodian |
| Carr, Josephine | School Lunch | Marion, Joan | School Lunch |
| Ledger, Dorothy | School Lunch | Oldakowski, Florence | School Lunch |
| | | Waterman, Mildred | School Lunch |

## REPORT OF HEALTH SUPERVISION
## 1975-1976

Jan J. Tigchelaar, M.D., School Physician
Hope M. Caulfield, R.N., School Nurse
Rosalie McGeoch, R.N., School Nurse

*Report of School Nurses*

| | |
|---|---|
| Vision Tests | 1120 |
| Hearing Tests | 850 |
| Inspections | 1175 |
| Heights | 1329 |
| Weights | 1302 |
| First Aid | 5700 |
| Medications | 4000 |

*Communicable Diseases*

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| Chicken Pox | 86 |
| Pediculosis | 5 |
| Impetigo | 16 |
| Ring Worm | 2 |
| Conjunctivitis | 12 |
| Strep Throat | 75 |

*Defects Found by School Nurses*

| | Defects | Treatment |
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| Vision | 38 | 34 |
| Hearing | 25 | 18 |
| Teeth | 8 | 8 |
| Tonsils | 5 | 3 |

*Clinics and Special Referrals*

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| Dental | 8 |
| Pre-School Clinic | 225 |
| No. of Home Visits – Contacts by School Nurses | 1642 |

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| Tests: | |
| Tine Tests (Staff) | 136 |
| Mantoux Test | 4 |
| Chest X-Ray | 4 |

# SYNOPSIS OF AMHERST SCHOOL MEETING

## March 12, 1976

Moderator Creeley Buchanan opened the polls for voting on Article 6 at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 12, 1976 at the Wilkins School. Voting was by checklist and ballot, with supervisors Audrey Spalding, Robert Wishart and Rosemary Biddle in charge, and tellers Rosamond Buchanan, Marie Grella and Evelyn Dudley with Paul Dudley in charge of the ballot box.

The meeting was called to order at 8:12 p.m. by Mr. Buchanan. School Board members Herbert Stearns, Elizabeth Puddington and Ronald Pomerleau, Supt. of Union No. 41 Roland Schoepf, Business Administrator Richard Connolly, principals Paul Collins and Herbert Oliver were available to answer questions. Rev. John Ward offered the invocation and Mrs. Dorothy Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Buchanan read the warrant and then dispensed with the reading of the articles until each was considered.

Article 1. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officer or agent of the district. Mr. Stearns moved this article be passed over and acted upon under Article 9. Seconded and passed.

Article 2. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers chosen and pass any vote relating thereto. Mr. Pomerleau moved that we accept all reports as printed in the School Report. Seconded. Mr. Pomerleau then gave a history of the AREA agreement with Milford from August 26, 1964 to the present time, with the building of a Junior High School in 1969 and the withdrawal of Amherst 7th and 8th grade students in 1974 and 1975. A public hearing of the proposed amendment to the agreement will be held at 8:00 p.m. at the Wilkins School on March 16, 1976 and one in Milford at 8:00 p.m. on March 22nd. In June there will be special district meetings to act on this. This report was accepted. (Attached to file copy.) The School Report as printed was accepted.

Article 3. To choose agents, auditors and committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant. Mr. Stearns moved that the town auditors serve as school auditors. Seconded and passed.

Article 4. To see if the district will authorize the School Board to make application for and receive in the name of the district such advances, grants and aids or other funds for educational purposes as may now or hereafter be forthcoming from the United States Government or any other state or private agency. Mrs. Puddington moved adoption of Article 4. Seconded and passed.

Article 5. (By petition) To see if the school district as per R.S.A. 197-15 will vote to increase the membership of the School Board from three (3) to five (5) members, effective in 1977, at which time one (1) shall be elected for a term of one (1) year and one (1) for a term of three (3) years and thereafter upon expiration of their term of office, all members shall be elected for three years.

Mr. Stearns moved adoption of the article amended to read

"effective in 1977 at which time one (1) additional member shall be elected for a term of one (1) year and one (1) additional member for a term of three (3) years." Mrs. Puddington clarified the motion to read "at which time one (1) new member shall be elected for a term of one (1) year, one (1) member for three (3) years and one (1) new additional member for three (3) years." Seconded. The motion to amend the original motion was approved. Mr. Pomerleau explained the Board's position against a 5-man board and suggested it be turned over to the Town Government Study Committee for one year. Mr. Stearns moved the matter be referred to the Town Government Study Committee for its recommendation to be acted on at the next annual school district meeting. Seconded. Mr. Huebner of the Ways and Means Committee noted that it had been in favor of a 5-man board but after reviewing it further recommends referral to the study committee. John Stevens spoke in favor of a 5-man board, citing members of 5-man boards in other communities who favored it, noting increased stability and continuity and broader voter representation.

Mr. G. W. Brown moved amending the motion to refer the matter to a school district study committee with members appointed by the school moderator. Seconded. Mr. A. Wight noted that the Town Study Committee is experienced in this type of study. The motion was lost. A voice vote on Mr. Stearns' motion was in doubt and a division called for. G. W. Brown, Paul Collins, Al Huebner and Mrs. Puddington acted as tellers. The vote was "yes" 63, "no" 102, the motion was lost. Mr. Huebner stated that now the Ways and Means Committee was in favor of Article 5 as clarified by Mrs. Puddington. The vote on the article was in the affirmative. Motion passed.

Article 6. To see if the district will vote to adopt R.S.A. 60-31-39 Absentee Voting at Municipal Annual Meetings. Mr. Buchanan declared the polls closed for voting on Article 6 at 8:59 p.m. and asked the tellers to count the vote.

Article 7. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $6,455 to provide for drainage and resurfacing of the sidewalk, and rebuilding a portion of the driveway on the north side of the Wilkins School. Mr. Pomerleau moved adoption of the article. Seconded and passed.

Article 8. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,000 to provide for an audit of the Middle School Building Fund and a systems audit of the general account for the 1973-74 and 1974-75 school fiscal years. Mrs. Puddington moved adoption of Article 8. Seconded. Mrs. Puddington explained that this is to supply a history for analysis and a system of accounting for a possible future data processing method. Michael Kaminsky asked why this type of audit was not done each year. It was explained that the books are audited each year by the town auditors who have rationalized all records, and that district school officials are required to comply with state accounting procedures per state statutes. Mr. G. Brown moved the question. Carried. Article 8 was passed.

Article 9. To see what sum of money the district will vote to

raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for school district officials and agents, and for payment of the statutory obligations of the district. Mrs. Puddington moved that $2,795,953.83 be raised. Seconded. An overview of the budget was presented by Mrs. Puddington and Mr. Connolly with figures projected on a screen corresponding to those in a hand-out given voters on entering. (Attached to file copy.) Enrollment figures showed an estimated total increase of 6.6% with the greatest increase in the high school of approximately 100 Amherst students. A colored overlay of a "pie chart" showed the 85.8% of the budget which is fixed charges and the 14.2% with some flexibility. Line items which have been increased were explained, including a new contract negotiated with the teachers, additional staff of one (1) fourth grade teacher, home economics, industrial arts, music and art teachers to bring the Middle School up to state standards, further development of the Clark and Wilkins school libraries, for a net increase of $307,713.26. Mrs. Puddington moved that the amount of $8,500 be added to Account 700 for a fire prevention system and intrusion system for the Clark and Wilkins Schools as recently voted for the town buildings. Seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Don Carper moved that the 1000 Account, student body activities, be increased by $3,600 to include an interscholastic basketball program for boys and girls at the Middle School. Seconded. Mrs. Harrison noted that there are many other sports besides basketball. The motion was lost.

Mrs. James Jones moved to reduce the 210.3 account to $8,500 for the fourth grade teacher only, eliminating the additional teachers in the special subject areas. Mrs. Puddington noted that this would be about 34¢ per $1000 valuation on the tax bills. The motion was lost. The amended article in the amount of $2,804,453.83 was carried.

Mr. G. W. Brown commended Mrs. Puddington on the outstanding presentation of the budget.

The results of the ballot vote on Article 6 was "yes" 152, "no" 25; the article passed.

Mr. Ray Ainsworth moved adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 11:05 p.m.

# SYNOPSIS OF SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
## June 15, 1976

A special meeting of the School District of Amherst at the Wilkins School on June 15, 1976 was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Moderator Creeley Buchanan. A total of 343 voters were admitted to the auditorium by checklist supervisors Audrey Spalding, Rosemary Biddle and Robert Wishart. Rev. Arnold Johnson offered a prayer, and the pledge of allegiance was led by Rep. Kenneth Spalding. Mr. Buchanan read Gov. Thomson's proclamation noting the 200th anniversary of the declaration of the independence of the State of New Hampshire, June 15, 1776. He then read the warrant: To see if the district will vote to accept the provisions of the Amended Written Plan of the Amherst-Milford Authorized Enrollment Area on file with the district clerk, providing for termination of the AREA agreement no later than June 30, 1986. Mr. Pomerleau moved adoption of the warrant article and Mr. Stearns seconded the motion. Mrs. Puddington explained that there would be a presentation with opportunities for questions after each section. There would be further questions, and voting by surrendering an identification sticker for a yes/no ballot.

The presentation covered a review of the history of the AREA plan, proposed amendments, and possible alternatives suggested, with projected enrollments and costs, referring to a hand-out and slides. Mr. G. W. Brown called for a rising vote of thanks for Mrs. Puddington who indicated that it was a joint effort of the School Board, the sub-committees, and the administrative staff. Joseph Hoag of the Ways and Means Committee reported that it was in unanimous agreement, recommending a "yes" vote to provide the School Board with options.

Voting began at 9:15 p.m., with the polls remaining open until 9:45 p.m. G. W. Brown, Harding Sortevik, Joseph Hoag, Alan Carlsmith and Erik Brown distributed the ballots. During the voting, Mrs. Puddington announced that Milford had voted in the affirmative, 118-25. There were 339 votes cast in Amherst; the result was 297 "yes", 42 "no". The article passed. A motion to adjourn was seconded. The meeting adjourned at 9:53 p.m.

LOUISE AINSWORTH, Clerk

## OFFICE HOURS of TOWN OFFICERS

**Selectmen**

Town Hall, Monday Evenings, 7:30 p.m.

**Selectmen's Secretary**

Town Hall: Monday thru Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Town Clerk**

Town Hall: Monday thru Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Monday evenings, 7:00 to 9:00

**Tax Collector**

Town Hall: Monday thru Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Monday evenings, 7:00 to 9:00

**Zoning Administrative Official**

Town Hall: Monday thru Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Monday evenings, 7:00 to 9:00

**General Information**

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| Town Office Telephones<br>Town Clerk – Tax Collector<br>Selectmen – Recreation Director<br>Zoning Administrator | 673-6041 and 673-6048 |
| Fire Chief | 673-2934 |
| Road Agent | 673-1293 |
| Highway Department | 673-2317 |
| Police Department | 673-4900 |
| Civil Preparedness<br>Roy Maston | 673-4803 |

**Souhegan Regional Landfill – Rte. 101**

Open Tuesday, Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

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| **For Police or any Emergency** | **673-1414** |
| **To Report a Fire** | **673-3131** |